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Nation

Texas drug case: An undercover agent in a sting that sent dozens of black people in Tulia, Texas, to prison on bogus drug charges was convicted of one of two perjury counts, and a jury recommended he serve proba-

tion.

Tom Coleman was acquitted Friday of testifying falsely in a 2003 hearing that as a sheriff s deputy he never stole gas from county pumps, but he was found guilty of saying that he did not learn about the theft charge

against him until August 1998.

The judge rule Tuesday on the length and terms of the sentence.

Pa. mine accident: A map of an abandoned mine that might have prevented a flood that trapped nine miners underground for 77 hours had been tucked away in a coal company closet and forgotten, a government report shows.

The nine-man team of miners working in the Quecreek, Pa., mine in July 2002 had an outdated map that didn't show the exact location of the adjacent Saxman mine, which was filled with millions of gallons of water.

Crews were eventually able to pull them out one-by-one in a dramatic rescue that made international headlines.

Cholesterol drugs: The U.S. government has until next month to decide whether to allow over-the-counter sales of a cholesterol drug — something an advisory panel says is a bad idea, at least for now.

The safety of Mevacor is well-established, but advisers worried the wrong people might take it if it sat on open drugstore shelves.

The panel voted 20-3 Friday to recommend against nonprescription sales that had been requested by a pair of drug companies.

S.C. train wreck: Thousands of residents evacuated from their Graniteville, S.C., homes after chlorine gas leaked from a train wreck more than a week ago were back in their homes Saturday, but hundreds more waited to return.

More than 4,000 of the 5,400 evacuated residents had returned to their homes by Saturday, officials said. Other residents' homes remained off-limits because they were closer to the chemical spill that killed nine people and injured 250 more on Jan. 6.

Evacuations began after a Norfolk Southern train slammed into a parked train, puncturing a tanker of chlorine gas.

Funeral for Mandela's son: Members of the Thembu royal house, right, and clergy from different denominations, left, attend the Saturday funeral of Makgatho Lewanika Mandela, the son of former South African President Nelson Mandela, in Qunu, Eastern Cape, South Africa. Makgatho Mandela died of AIDS-related complications. Among the 4,000 people who attended the funeral at the former president's Eastern Cape home were his former wife Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, South African President Thabo Mbeki and Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

World

USS Cole bombing: Hearings into a court appeal by the only people convicted in the 2000 USS Cole al-Qaida bombing ended Saturday and a judge said he will issue his verdict next month.

Four Yemenis were sentenced in September to prison sentences ranging from five to 10 years. Two men were sentenced to death. The six were the first people convicted in

10 years. Two men were sentenced to death. The six were the first people convicted in the attack on the Cole, which killed 17 American sailors.

War crimes suspect: Bosnia's top international official on Sunday welcomed Bosnian Serb authorities' first-ever transfer of a war crimes suspect to the U.N. war crimes tribunal, saying he hoped others would soon follow.

Bosnia's top international administrator, Paddy Ashdown, applauded Saturday's arrest of Savo Todovic, 52, who is wanted for killings and beatings in a Serb-run prison in Foca, eastern Bosnia.

Ukraine election: In a sign of emerging cracks in the camp of presidential election winner Viktor Yushchenko, a top ally criticized his call on supporters to raze the downtown tent camp they've occupied for nearly two months, one of the most vivid symbols of Ukraine's "Orange Revolution."

Yulia Tymoshenko, a fiery orator and a

key driving force behind a wave of opposition protests, urged him to respect the resi-

dents of the tent camp.

Many of about 1,000 remaining residents of the camp defied Yushchenko's order to disperse and vowed to stay until his inauguration.

Noble prize winner summoned: Nobel peace laureate Shirin Ebadi told Iran's hard-line Revolutionary Court on Saturday she won't obey a summons to appear, even if it means her arrest — an open challenge to a powerful body that has convicted many pro-reform intellectuals.

Ebadi, the first Iranian and Muslim woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize, vowed in an interview with The Associated Press to pesist hard-line threats against her life.

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The Revolutionary Court, which deals with security crimes, ordered Ebadi to appear for "some explanations" or face arrest.

Sudan peace agreement: President Omar el-Bashir vowed that the Sudanese army, which fought rebels in the south for more than 20 years, would now defend the peace agreement concluded earlier this month with those same rebels.

El-Bashir's government and the SPLA signed the peace treaty Jan. 9 to end Africa's longest war, which began in 1983 after southerners rebelled, seeking autonomy and control of their resources.

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Iraqis: Abuse sentence too lenient | Navy Lodges slow to phase

BY OMAR SINAN The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - Word that a U.S. Army reservist was sentenced to 10 years behind bars for physically and sexually mistreating Iraqis at Ahu Ghraib prison drew scorn Sunday from Iraqis who thought he should have been

tried here and punished with death There was no official reaction from Iraq's interim government, but a handful of ordinary Iragis interviewed here said the trial and its outcome brought no justice. Rather, it bore a humiliation just as potent as the shame that came when pictures of the abuse first

emerged in April. Abdul-Razak Abdul-Fattah, a 65-year-old retired army officer, said he was shocked to see television footage of U.S. Army Spc. Charles Graner Jr. leaving the court smiling and laughing even while his legs and hands were shackled

"It showed on his face that he did not regret the shameful acts that he and his colleagues committed," he said. "Perhaps Americans think that those things, I mean showing people naked, is normal and not shameful.

Images of reservists abusing Iraqi detainees at Abu Ghraib caused widespread outrage throughout the Arab world in particular, where communities can shun people who've suffered such deeply personal and public dis-

Graner, 36, thought to be the ringleader of the abuse, was accused of stacking naked prisoners in a human pyramid and later ordering them to masturbate while other soldiers took photographs

He also allegedly punched one man in the head hard enough to knock him out, and struck an injured prisoner with a collapsible metal stick

He was sentenced Saturday in the first court-martial stemming from the scandal.

"Even though the Iraqi community knows that those abused people were forced to do so. the community will continue to look down on said Hussein Mohammed, 22-year-old student.

A young shopkeeper in downtown Baghdad



Army Spc. Charles Graner Jr. is taken into custody in shackles Saturday after he was sentenced to 10 years in his court-martial at Fort Hood, Texas.

said Graner and his cohorts should be executed in Iraq in front of those they abused

"That person brought ignominy to those Iraqis. As Arabs, we prefer to die with honor rather than live with such disgrace," said 24-year-old Mohammed Ahmed.

A teacher in the northern city of Kirkuk said the abuse at the prison recalled the crimes committed by Saddam Hussein's regime, and was perhaps more shocking because it was not expected from a country that preaches respect for human rights.

"Iraq was a cemetery for human rights vio-lations. When Saddam created the mass graves we thought that it was a savage thing." Sardar Mohammed, 38, said, "But when we saw the Americans and what they have done at Abu Ghraib, I was astonished because America came here carrying slogans of freedom and democracy.

Under military court rules, Graner's case will be automatically appealed to the Army Court of Criminal Appeals. He also could request clemency from his commanding gener-

Graner did not testify during his trial, but he took the witness stand during the sentencing phase Saturday to repeat the defense m that the jury clearly rejected: that he had been ordered by intelligence agents at Abu Ghraib to abuse the prisoners to make them easier to interrogate.

Defense lawyer Guy Womack asked why he was smiling in the infamous photos, some of which were shown while Graner spoke.

"I'm smiling now, and that's a nervous smile," Graner said. "There was a lot of things that we did that were so screwed up, if you didn't look at them as funny, there was no way

to deal with it. Graner described himself as a by-the-book prison guard corrupted by superiors who ordered him to physically mistreat and sexually

humiliate detainees. He said he initially resisted pressure to mistreat prisoners, but his Army superiors made it clear to him that he was expected to obey the commands of the military and civilian in-

telligence agents who ran his part of Abu Gh-Graner said a lieutenant in his unit told him: "If [military intelligence] asks you to do this, it needs to be done. They're in charge, fol-

low their orders He said he now knows that those orders were unlawful, but "at the time my understanding is that they were [lawful], or I

wouldn't have done them," he said He concluded by saying: "I didn't enjoy what I did there. ... A lot of it was wrong, a lot of it was criminal."

out smoking

By GREG TYLER Stars and Stripes

SASEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan Navy Lodge facilities worldwide have been phasing out smoking in guest rooms for several vears but they're still a bit behind the curve when it comes to banning smoking in military guest housing facilities.

As of March 1, guests at all Army lodging facilities will have to go outside to smoke; smoking was banned at Air Force guest rooms and common areas in 2001, according to officials.

"Every new and renovated Navy Lodge is a nonsmoking facilsaid Michael Bockelman, Navy Lodge Program director. a property has smoking rooms, they will remain that way until which time the property is renovated.

Smoking is permitted on balconies and patios of individual rooms as well as designated areas outside of the hotel, he said.

The three Navy Lodges in Asia all are in Japan. Navy Lodges at Sasebo Naval Base, Atsugi Naval Air Facility and Yokosuka Naval Base have 58, 88 and 165 rooms respectively. At all three facilities, smoking or nonsmoking rooms can be requested but not guaranteed, according to the Navy Lodge Web site.

"We are currently renovating or getting ready to renovate Atsu gi and Vokosuka Once finished they will be nonsmoking facilities," said Navy Exchange Ser-vice Command spokeswoman Kristine Sturkie.

"Navy Lodges have been going nonsmoking for a number of years," Bockelman said. "Navy Lodges worldwide all follow the same practices for quality guest satisfaction.

In addition to the three lodges in Japan, NEXCOM operates five other Navy Lodges outside the United States including one each in Cuba, Iceland and Spain and two in Italy.

"The Navy Lodge Program is known for its consistency world-wide," Bockelman said. "Like (with) any good hotel company, the guest wants to know what to expect when they arrive."

A smoking ban ordered in 1997. through an executive order signed by President Clinton, affected smokers at U.S. military installations worldwide. The order. titled "Protecting Federal Employees and the Public From Exposure to Tobacco Smoke in the Federal Workplace," was to be phased in for all interior space owned, rented or leased by the government - except residential buildings

In 2002, for instance, Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities had either to prohibit smoking indoors or install an expensive ventilation system that funnels smoke outside

As residential facilities the Navy Lodges are exempt from the mandatory no-smoking order. E-mail Greg Tyler at

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Old charts may be partly to blame for submarine accident

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Satellite

failure

The signal from a satellite that helps deliver American Forces Network programming in the Pacific continued to remain down Sunday, prompting the service to continue using an alternate broadcast schedule, according to the AFN Web site at www.myafn.net

The failure, which hap pened at 8:10 a.m. Saturday, affected all AFN radio, television and cable networks, the network said. AFN officials switched to a secondary satellite, which required AFN stations to broadcast different shows from those previously scheduled.

As of Sunday evening, no estimate was available for when primary service would be restored, according to the Web BY SIOBHAN MCDONOUGH The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Outdated charts may have been partially at fault for the undersea grounding of a U.S. nuclear submarine last weekend, according to a U.S. agency that analyzes spy satellite imagery and produces maps and charts for the Defense Depart-

Officials at the Bethesda, Maryland-based National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency said Saturday the main chart likely used by the USS San Francisco didn't reveal any obstacle anywhere near where the boat struck on the floor of the Pacific Ocean during underwater operations last Satur day about 350 miles south of

The closest notation on the map indicates discolored water about three miles from the accident site. The discolored water was reported by the Japanese most likely in the 1960s or even earlier, according to David Burpee, the agency's spokesman The Defense Mapping Agency

created the chart in 1989, and it was never revised. Burpee said a satellite photograph taken 10 vears later could be read in hindsight to show an undersea mountain not on the chart, but that was not clear at the time and, in any case, the photo was just one among thousands of shots of ocean expanses that have not been fully charted using all the latest methods.

"The charts used today may not reflect the reality of what's actually on the ocean floor," said Burpee, adding that the charts used today were charted with earlier technology and may not be up-to-date.

"You think (the charts) are right until somebody tells you they're not," he said, adding that ships use sonar to pick up ocean forms and pass that information on to the agency.

The Navy has said an initial in-

vestigation into the found that the submarine struck a large rock, land or other natural feature and nothing else.

One sailor was killed and at least 23 suffered injuries including broken bones, cuts and bruises. The submarine has a crew of

Burpee said the images taken of the area by a Lansat satellite in 1999 could be viewed upon close examination in the wake of the ac cident to indicate a submerged structure such as a reef or a ridge, but also could have been read as showing variations in water color caused by dense growth of plankton or something dumped from a passing ship,

The San Francisco's nuclear reactor was undamaged, and the submarine made its way back to its home port in Guam under its own power. Its outer hull was damaged, but its inner hull remained intact.

The submarine had been headed to Australia for a port visit.

Indonesia says no deadline for foreign troops

By MIKE CORDER The Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia - Indonesia increased its tsunami death toll by 5,000 Sunday, raising the overall number of people who died in the Dec. 26 disaster to more than 162,000. The nation's defense minister toned down his country's reluctance to host foreign troops helping in relief efforts.

The additional deaths came from the village of Calang on the northwestern coast of Sumatra. The island has counted more than 115,000 dead, including those killed in the Indian Ocean earthquake that generated the killer waves. More than 12,000 people remained missing, according to Indonesia's Social Affairs Ministry.

The flow of relief supplies into northern Sumatra was expected to double with the opening of a second airport Sunday, as United Nations teams moved deeper into the interior to assess the plight of villagers who fled the coastline.

The damaged airfield at Sabang Island, just off the northern tip of Sumatra, was back in operation with military C-130 transports from several nations scheduled to arrive in the coming days, U.S. Navy spokesman It Cmdr John Bernard said

Nation retracts March 26 cutoff for military aiding tsunami victims, raises its death toll

A Japanese medical team arrived in Sumatra's Aceh province Sunday to prepare for their military's biggest overseas relief effort. Japan plans to send about 1,000 troops to Aceh this month for a three-month stay, said Col. Takeshi Moriichi, commander of the military's medical

The U.S. military already has 2,000 Marines ferrying aid workers and transporting food to victims in Aceh, where most of the devastation occurred. Overall, about 15,000 U.S. military personnel are involved in the relief effort in South Asia.

Hundreds of troops from Australia, Singapore, Germany and other nations also are helping the relief effort, along with U.N. agencies and scores of nongovernment aid groups.

Several Indonesian officials, including the vice president, have expressed unease about the large number of foreign troops indicating their desire to see them leave by March 26. Security appeared to be a big part of the concern. Aceh is home to sepa

ratist rebels who have been fighting the central government for years. But Indonesia's defense minister said

Sunday there was no deadline for the troops to be out.

We would like to emphasize that March 26 is not a deadline for involvement of foreign military personnel in the relief effort," Defense Minister Juwono Sudarsono said after meeting with U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz in Jakarta.

Wolfowitz, who also toured the disaster-hit Sumatran coast during his visit, has voiced pride in the American aid operation but said Washington wanted to hand over relief work to Indonesia and other affected nations as soon as possible.

In the meantime, he hinted he believes improving military links would help bolster democracy in Indonesia under President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono.

'We need to think about how we can strengthen this newly elected democratic government ... to help build the kind of defense institution that will ensure in the future that the Indonesian military, like our military, is a loval function of a democratic government," said Wolfowitz, a former

U.S. ambassador to Jakarta. In Sri Lanka, U.N. World Food Program chief James T. Morris met with the political chief of the Tamil Tiger rebels, S.P. Thamilselvan, to discuss distribution of food to 90,000 people in the rebel-controlled north. The government initially opposed Morris' visit.

"We are not involved in politics. We are involved in seeing that people are fed," said Morris, who earlier visited the badly

hit southern port city of Galle. Canada's Prime Minister Paul Martin was in Thailand, where he met members of a Canadian police forensic squad helping identify the dead in beach towns leveled by the killer waves.

"It's very emotional on the one hand. but on the other hand we must really recognize all those — Thai and Canadian worked so hard here," he said.

The leaders of Sweden, Norway and Finland arrived in Bangkok on Sunday to thank the nation and its people for helping care for thousands of Nordic tourists who were caught up in the turmoil.

Miranda Leitsinger of The Associated Press contrib-uted to this report in Phuket, Thailand.

A glance out the window



Senior Airman Matt Morrow, an HH-60 "Pave Hawk" helicopter aerial gunner from the 33rd Rescue Squadron, Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, scans the Sri Lankan horizons during relief operations. His helicopter transported supplies and equipment to various relief distribution centers in Sri Lanka.

Several parents lay claim to baby in Sri Lankan hospital

BY TINI TRAN

KALMUNAI, Sri Lanka When the waves tore through her beachfront home, Jenita Jevarajah grabbed her 3-month-old son and younger sister and climbed up a raised concrete slab. The force of the raging waters broke it tearing her son from her arms as all three fell helplessly into the

raging waters.

Jeyarajah and her family now believe her son Abilass survived the ordeal, but she no longer has the records to prove it. She is one of nine mothers laying claim to a baby brought into the hospital in the eastern coastal town of Kalmunai hours after the Dec. 26 tsunami struck.

The desperate struggle grieving parents over the infant
— dubbed "Baby 81" because he was the 81st admission that terrible day - is perhaps the most extreme example yet of the depths of a tragedy that has torn apart families, claiming the lives of some 12,000 children, about 40 percent of Sri Lanka's death toll

The fate of the baby, who doctors say is about three or four months old, now lies in the hands of the courts, and ultimately a DNA test to determine parentage, say hospital officials.

Maybe the couples are not lying, but the only way to make sure 100 percent is to have a DNA test," said K. Muhunthan, consultobstetrician at Kalmunai Base Hospital.

For the 25-year-old Jeyarajah the battle to claim her baby is another nightmare to deal with since the tsunami swept away all the birth records and family photographs that might have proved he was her son

Dilip Ganguly of The Associated Press contributed to this report.



The infant dubbed "Baby 81" lies in a hospital bed Sunday in Kalmunai, Sri Lanka. Nine mothers have laid claim to the baby brought into the hospital after the Dec. 26 tsunami and the fate of the baby now lies in the hands of the courts, and ultimately a DNA test, say hospital officials.



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Creating a symbol of hope

Marine designs logo, important safety flyers for tsunami mission

BY JULIANA GITTLER Stars and Stripes

UTAPAO, Thailand - For years to come, every time the logo for the U.S. military's post-tsunami relief work is flashed on a screen. Lance Cpl. Michael DeVoe Jr. can remember his role in the effort.

When it's completed, the image will appear in the background every news conference and on the letterhead of every document about the massive historic mission.

"I'm excited for A Team of Teams him," said his boss, Chief Warrant Officer Timothy LeMaster, officer in charge of the 3rd Marine Division Combat Camera in Okinawa. "The operation is going to go down in his tory and he gets to put an image to

DeVoe. a 20-year-old Marine Corps combat graphic illustrator, is designing the official logo for Operation Unified Assistance, the military-led relief effort in Thailand, Indonesia Sri Lanka and other areas affected by the Dec. 26 earthquake and tsunami.

He also created handbills Navy airmen used in Indonesia to keep people from rushing helicopters and to help find injured people for medical evacuation

DeVoe arrived in Thailand ex necting to have not much to do. He started designing a logo on his own initiative.

He and LeMaster were pleased enough with his design, an image of a globe showing the region VIFIED with flags from several countries, that they brought it to the com

mand staff. Mission mander Lt. Gen. Robert R. Black-man saw it and gave DeVoe the go-ahead to create the official design. Blackman also gave

him a new theme for the multinational mission: a team of teams, representing the various nations and nongovernmen tal organizations working together. The final design has yet to be ap-

proved, but the current draft (shown above) retains the globe and includes symbols denoting peace and cooperation.

The design must keep cultural sensitivities in mind: A red cross on a box was removed when they realized it looked like a bible when printed in black and white.

"That's been the hardest part for him, trying to get a concept like that and make it work in an image. LeMaster said

But just as he began designing the logo, DeVoe was faced with an-

helos " I win said

"It's been effective," Lwin said. After Indonesian soldiers began handing out the papers to crowds they immediately moved back.

On a recent mission, aircrews evacuated 32 people as a result of using the paper. "His work is direct-

DeVoe is just recognizing that sig-

other important task.

Maj. Mike Lwin from Pacific

Command information operations came to him after crowds began surging at helicopters distributing

"Initially they were mobbing the

He told DeVoe what he needed: a leaflet to convey, simply, the dan gers of helicopters, telling people to wait for aid to be brought to them. DeVoe created a simple, clear de-

They next created a sheet that air crew members could use to ask crowds if anyone was injured and needed evacuation. The design shows a stretcher being carried to a helicopter and then on to a hospital It asks where the injured people are and offers three responses to which Indonesians can simply point, avoiding any language-differnce barriers

ly saving lives on a daily basis,' Lwin said.

nificance, he said, and that some thing he loves to do can help. Voe said art came naturally to



JIM SCHULZ/Stars and Stripe

Lance Cpl. Michael DeVoe Jr. creates art for the massive, multinational disaster relief effort in the wake of the South Asia earthquake and

him in high school. He graduated at the top of his art class and planned to continue his studies in college But costs put that dream on hold. A recruiter at school turned him on to the unique military specialty of

combat graphic illustrator. 'This is exactly what I wanted to do. Nobody can tell me otherwise:

I've got the best job," he said. "I can pay for college this way." For his first assignment, DeVoe landed on Okinawa and began

doing unit logo designs. Within four months I started seeing my jobs all over the base," he

The logos were more than just degns, he realized. They were sym-

bols of unit pride

Now on his first deployment. DeVoe also is carrying on the com-

bat illustrator tradition of going into the field to document missions

Illustrators, LeMaster said, can show events other media can't in cases when security is high, for example, and show meaning through drawings that a split-second camera image can't convev

"There's things illustrators can capture that other forms can't," Le-Master said. "People don't realize what these skills can bring to the

The magnitude of his work is starting to sink in. DeVoe admits: "I'll definitely have to write home about this "

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Tsunami debris on islands creates disposal dilemma

BY NIRMALA GEORGE

The Associated Press

PORT BLAIR, India - Travel brochures for India's Andaman and Nicobar islands depict a tropical paradise of turquoise waters, coconut trees and miles of white, nristine heaches

But last month's tsunami wrecked those beautiful coasts, smashing jetties and boats and turning thousands of homes and

Patch & Pee Wee Clubs

buildings into heaps of rubble. Hundreds of coconut palms have been cut in half, shorn of their canopies, and splintered wood, twisted metal and concrete chunks litter the shorelines.

As the clean-up begins, a question is emerging: What to do with all the debris? Environmental activists are worried that government agencies and private contractors will simply dump it all into the sea - long a common

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method of trash disposal here. That would cause enormous dam-age to the islands' marine life. mangroves and coral reefs, they warn

"This would be the easiest option. But the damage of such indiscriminate dumping on the marine ecology would be huge," said Pankai Sekhsaria of the environmental group Kalpavriksha, which has written to the islands top official, demanding attention to ecological concerns

Among other things, wholesale dumping would upset the habitat of the numerous ocean life forms and disrupt the intricate food chain, said Samita Acharya, a marine biologist and environmental activist While there is a landfill in the is-

lands' capital. Port Blair, it's an

impossibly distant journey from most island villages. Also, the landfill juts into the ocean so there is the danger of chemicals leaching into the water said

Yet another fallout - this one man-made - comes from the vast amounts of plastic from relief material piling up in relief camps in Port Blair. Most emergency food packets and drinking water all come in plastic containers, which are quickly accumulating on the islands Town employees have begun

collecting plastic from relief shelters, but they have not decided what to do with it yet. Kalpavriksha has suggested

the plastic be collected and shipped back to mainland India for recycling.

Some of the debris, though, will be useful.

Many of the concrete chunks can be used to rebuild jetties damaged or destroyed by the tsunami, said P. Radhakrishnan, a top official at the Andaman harbor au-

"We need a lot of material as filling while constructing new jetties and ramps for boats to land. The concrete rubble and chunks would serve this purpose," he said. Work on clearing the debris

also has slowed due to an acute shortage of labor, as many con-struction workers fled to mainland India, more than 745 miles

Some scientists see an opportunity in the situation, and have suggested that some of the larger con-

crete chunks be used to create breakwaters in the sea, away from natural coral reefs.

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Misawa to hold tsunami bake sale

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan - The Misawa First Sergeant Council is planning to hold a bake sale Feb. 5 to raise funds for victims of the Dec. 26 tsunami in South Asia. "It's one last effort to see what we can do" said

Master Sgt. Jerry Wilkerson, council vice president and first sergeant for 35th Mission Support Squadron and 35th Fighter Wing. "This will open it up to the Misawa community. There's people out there who want to help but don't know how to do it."

Tables will be set up between the commissary and food court from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Volunteers may drop off baked goods starting at 8:30 a.m.

"We have enough volunteers to cover the booth.

We just need volunteers to bake and donate." Wilkerson said

Also helping to organize the sale are Misawa's Top 3. Air Force First Sergeants Association and

In conjunction with the bake sale, Misawa's first sergeants are leading a tsunami relief donation drive among base squadrons and units, private organizations and individuals. Wilkerson said several thousand dollars have been raised to date. The council will combine those funds with bake sale proceeds to write one check to Misawa's Red Cross for tsunami aid, he said

Call DSN 226-3437 for information about the bake sale or to donate

From staff reports

Israeli forces to crack down on militants

Sharon told the weekly meeting

of his Cabinet that he has asked

the army to do whatever it deems

necessary to end the attacks

PLO asks rebels to cease attacks

By JOSEF FEDERMAN
The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — The Israeli military received a green light on Sunday for a tough crackdown on Palestinian militants, as the government dismissed a call by the PLO leadership for a halt to attacks on Israelis.

tacks on Israelis.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon issued his directive to the army after a string of Palestinian rocket, mortar and bombing attacks in recent days, saying the Palestinian leadership has failed to take even minimal steps to prevent the violence.

The bloodshed has escalated tensions with the new Palestinian leader, Mahmoud Abbas, whose election last week had raised hopes for a breakthrough in Mid-

east peacemaking.
Palestinian officials accused
Sharon of undermining Abbas'
fledgling efforts to persuade militants to halt the violence.

After Sharon unleashed his military, the Palestinian Liberation Organization's Central Committee met to discuss the rising tensions, saying afterward that the militants were only hurting the Palestinian cause.

The powerful PLO body called on militants to "stop all the military action that might harm our national goals and give the Israelis an excuse to obstruct Palestinian stability." Abbas is the head of the committee.



A masked Palestinian gunnan of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine sets a mock coffin with an Israeli flag on fire during an anti-Israel protest at Rafah refugee camp, southern Gaza Strip, on Sunday. The PLO Executive Committee on Sunday called on Palestinian militants to halt attacks against Israel.

The statement was the PLO's strongest language against violence since the death of longtime Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat on Nov. 11. It did not specify, however, what action might be taken

against the militants.

Israeli officials brushed off the statement and said military preparations were continuing. A senior official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, repeated the Israeli stance that Abbas will be judged by his deed, not be under

by his deeds, not his words.
Sharon cut off contacts with
Abbas after Palestinian militants
killed six Israelis at a Gaza Strip
crossing into Israel on Thursday.
The attack sparked Israeli reprisals that killed six Palestinians in
Gaza on Saturday.

Japan asks for halt in arms sales to east Asia

BY GAVIN RABINOWITZ

The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — The Japanese foreign minister on Sunday asked Israel to end weapons sales to Japan's neighbors, but said Japan wants to expand defense cooperation with Israel

Foreign Minister Nobutaka Machimura is in the region for talks with both the Israelis and the Palestinians. Machimura said Japan wanted to play a greater role in the Middle East peace pro-

Speaking at a news conference, Machimura said that in talks with his Israeli counterpart, Silvan Shalom, he passed the request to end arms sales to east Asian coun-

Machimura said his government had recently made similar requests to Russia and the European Union. He did not specify which countries Japan was concerned about.

In recent days Israel has been embroiled in a row with the United States over the sale of Israeli pilotless planes to China.

The Japanese minister said the talks with Shalom also focused on expanding cooperation between the two countries in counter-terror expertise and defense.

In December, Japan approved new defense guidelines that include the relaxation of an arms export ban to facilitate a missile security program it is researching with Washington.

In the guidelines, the Japanese government identified North Korea's nuclear weapons ambitions and China's modernization of its huge military as threats to Japan.



People shout in downtown St. Petersburg, Russia's second largest city, Sunday to protest a recently passed law that strips them of Soviet-era benefits. The protests, which spread to other cities across Russia's 11 time zones. were triggered by the Jan. 1 law that gives retirees, the disabled and war veterans cash stipends instead of benefits such as free public medicine and

N. Korea denies having secret uranium project

BY SANG-HUN CHOE
The Associated Press

SEOUL — North Korea denied that it has a secret uranium-enrichment program and accused Washington of double standards, a day after it indicated a willingness to rejoin six-nation nuclear disarmament talks.

Calling the United States a "nuclear criminal," North Korea's state-run newspaper Rodong Sinmun accused Washington on Saturday of "comiving at, patronizing and cooperating with the pro-American forces" in Israel, Japan and South Korea to develop nuclear arms.

"The U.S. accusation against the [North] over its nonexistent 'uranium enrichment issue' clearly proves that the U.S. policy of double standards assumes extremely partial and aggressive nature," the newspaper said.

Whether the communist North should allow inspections to verify if, as the United States claims, it is running a clandestine uranium enrichment program in addition to its plutonium-based weapons facilities, is one of the thorniest issues in the stalled six-nation nuclear talks.

Since September, the United States, North and South Korea China, Japan and Russia have struggled to arrange a new round of talks aimed at persuading the North to abandon its nuclear ambitions. No breakthroughs were made in three earlier rounds.

U.S. Republican Rep. Curt Weldon, who led a bipartisan congressional delegation to North Korea this past week, said on Friday that the North appeared willing to rejoin the six-party talks "in a matter of weeks."

North Korea said it told the six visiting American lawmakers that it "would opt for finding a final solution to all the outstanding issues between the two countries" and would "treat [the United States] as a friend unless the latter slanders the former's system and interferes in its internal affairs."

Such a gesture was highly unusual, as North Korean officials typically lard their rhetoric with harsh anti-American criticism.

Russia's elderly take to the streets to protest cutoff in welfare benefits

BY IRINA TITOVA The Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia — Pensioners and veterans angered over the cutoff of welfare benefits clogged streets and paralyzed traffic in St. Petersburg, hometown to President Vladimir Putin, for a second day Sunday and the street demonstra-

tions spread to other Russian cities.

Top government officials sought to shift the blame by accusing regional leaders of botching the management of new social programs, under which benefits such as free medicine and public transportation were replaced by a monthly government sti-

Although St. Petersburg authorities promised to restore some benefits after 10,000 people jammed the center of Russia's second-largest city on Saturday, demonstrators returned Sunday to rally on Nevsky Prospect, again snarling traffic in the center of the city.

"Hitler stole our childhood, and Putin stole our declining years," declared a banner held aloft by one of the aging protesters. Others waved red flags, beat spoons against saucepans and chanted slogans calling for Putin to step down. "We are here to demand the right to life," said Zhanna Filonova, 61. A large contingent of police stood by, but did not intervene.

Since the new social benefits program went into effect Jan. 1, the protests have spread to several cities across Russia's 11 time zones. Retirese were in the streets of Volga River-city of Samara for a fifth day Sunday, and a rally in the southern city of Stavropol drew up to 5,000 people.

Many of the elderly, already complaining they are treated like second-class citizens, consider the changes a final insult as they struggle to survive on meager pensions in inflationary and capitalist Russia. Those affected by the new program lived most of their lives under a craddle-to-grave welfare system until the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991.

"Prices keep rising, and now they have canceled our benefits," said Yevgeniya Sidorova, 70. "Putin and his government want us to lie down and wait for death to come."

Japan marks quake anniversary

More than 6,400 died when trembler hit the city of Kobe in 1995

BY JOSEPH COLEMAN The Associated Press

KOBE, Japan - Cars and trucks speed over the once-toppled elevated highways, and the thousands of collapsed houses have long been rebuilt. The ravaged port now features convention centers and Ferris wheels. Downtown gleams with new buildings.

The Japanese city of Kobe on Monday marked the 10th anniversary of the 7.3-magnitude earthquake that ripped through its heart Jan. 17, 1995, killing

6,433 people. While the city has been nearly completely rebuilt, emotional and economic scars remain. Polls show nearly half of Kobe resi-dents feel their lives have not fully recovered from the quake, and the memorials sprinkled around Kobe testify to the looming importance of the disaster in the city's

psyche.

The remembrance of the quake and its victims has been magnified by the tsunami disaster in the Indian Ocean. While the scope and human toll of the tsunami greatly outweighs what happened in Kobe, residents here say the recent tragedy has brought a flood of memories of their own

"Of course, if you look at the news and see this type of natural disaster, it all comes back," said Tominori Ishida, 68, as he visited a memorial to the victims beside Kobe city hall. "If I were younger, I would

like to be a relief volunteer And in quake-prone Japan, disaster is always a possibility

Government studies show a powerful temblor under densely populated Tokyo could double the human toll of Kobe, potentially killing more than 12,000 and destroying 850 000 homes

Kobe will be in the spotlight again on Tuesday, when it hosts a U.N. conference on disaster reduction, a long-planned event that has been retooled in the wake of the Asian disaster to focus on the creation of a tsunami-warning system in southern Asia.

The conference runs until Saturday. Demonstrating the national impact of the Kobe quake, Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko headed to the port city on Sunday to join in a series of commemorations. Government officials and thousands of others were also expected to attend ceremonies

Ahead of the main events, high school students made 450 snow figures at a downtown park to symbolize victims on Sunday. evening to put candles before snow fig-ures; many bowed in prayer, some wiping tears from their eyes.

Nearby, an aid group collected donations for victims of the tsunami and other recent natural disasters.

Monday was to start with a candlelight vigil at the time the quake hit, 5:46 a.m. with participants illuminating the date of the temblor: 1.17. The focus will then shift will be held in the afternoon Thousands were scheduled to join memorial walks along routes used to evacuate people and deliver relief after the quake.

Over the long term, the quake accelerat ed in Kobe trends seen in other areas of urban Japan, such as the disappearance of mom-and-pop stores and downtown resi-dential neighborhoods.

For some, the makeover of the city has been too complete, eclipsing the Kobe they once knew and erasing signs of the tragedy that struck here.

"If you don't come here, you wouldn't know there had been a quake," said Makiko Yamaguchi, 30, who was back in the city for a visit after moving to Okinawa city looks lovely, but then that makes it easy to forget what happened."



A woman holds a candle Sunday in Itami, Japan, before offering a prayer for the more than 6,400 victims of the 1995 earthquake in the nearby port city of Kobe as Japanese mark the 10-year anniversary of the deadly quake.



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Security raised at Saudi holy sites for pilgrimage

The Associated Press

MINA, Saudi Arabia - The Interior Ministry has mobilized more than 50,000 forces to prepare for the annual hajj, officials said Saturday, but they warned that terrorists may still be able to launch attacks

The forces will safeguard Saudi's holiest Islamic sites for an estimated 2 million Muslims who are expected to perform the pilgrimage to Mecca, once-in-a-lifetime duty of all able-bodied Muslims who can afford it to cleanse the soul and wipe away sin. Meanwhile, pilgrims streaming

into Islam's holy city for the hajj, prayed for the more than 157,000 people killed in last month's tsunami and earthquake that devastated south Asia, asking God to give survivors the courage to cope

The tragedy weighed heavy as the spiritual journey geared up.

populous Muslim nation with 220 million people - was hit hardest by the natural disaster, but 200,000 Indonesians, the country's quota, still were expected in

Security was high throughout Mecca, where Saudi officials try to prevent stampedes or other ac cidents as well as watch for possible terror attacks. At checkpoints several miles outside the holy city, officers stopped cars randomly, peering into trunks, look ing for explosives and checking

Interior Ministry spokesman Brig. Gen. Mansour al-Turki said the kingdom, which has been on high alert since a series of attacks targeted Saudi security forces and foreign interests, was ready for the hajj and predicted it would go smoothly, despite lingering terrorism fears

Mom gives birth at 67

BUCHAREST, Romania 67-year-old Romani Romanian woman gave birth Sunday to a baby girl, hospital officials said. The child's twin sister was stillborn, they said.

Romanian doctors at the Giulesti Maternity Hospital in Bucharest said Adriana Iliescu is the world's oldest recorded mother.
Iliescu's daughter was deliv-

ered by Caesarean section early Sunday, more than six weeks short of a full 40-week pregnancy term, said a hospital She weighed spokeswoman. just 3.19 pounds and was in the intensive care unit but breath ing on her own.

Gunhattle in Kuwait

UMM AL-HAIMAN, Kuwait Police and militants fought a gunbattle in a small Kuwaiti town near a U.S. military logis-tics center Saturday, leaving one Saudi gunman dead and two policemen wounded, the Interior Ministry said.

The shootout began Saturday afternoon in Umm al-Haiman, on the outskirts of Kuwait City. A U.S. military logistics center is in the neighboring town of Arifjan, but the base was not believed to have been the target of the gunmen described by Kuwaiti officials as "terrorist

U.S. forces launch raids in northern Iraq

Troops work to secure Mosul amid unease about upcoming elections

BY SALLY BUZBEE The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - U.S. troops staged a series of raids in Mosul and elsewhere in northern and central Iraq on Sunday, arresting dozens, while insurgents stepped

U.S. deaths in Iraq

As of Saturday, at least 1,362 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,071 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Department said.

The figures include three military civilians.

The AP count is four higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated at 10 a.m. Fri-

day.
The British military has reported 76 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 16; Ukraine, 16; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary, Latvia and Kazakhstan one

death each. Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,224 U.S. military members have died, ac-cording to AP's count. That includes at least 962 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's num-

bers.
The latest deaths reported by the military:

A Marine was killed in ac-tion Saturday in Babil prov-

A Marine assigned to the I Marine Expeditionary Force was killed Friday in a nonhostile accident in Anbar province. The latest identifications re-

ported by military:

No identifications report

un their attacks two weeks ahead of national elections, ambushing a car carrying a prominent female candidate and killing 17 people in other assaults.

Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz conceded that U.S. and Iraqi forces cannot stop "extraordinary" intimidation by insurgents before the Jan. 30 vote.

Underscoring the precarious se curity situation, Salama al-Khafa-ii, was ambushed in central Baghdad by gunmen wearing police uniforms, but she escaped injury when her bodyguards returned fire an aide said. It was the second attempt since May on the life of al-Khafaji, who is running on the favored slate endorsed by the country's main Shiite cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani.

U.S. and Iraqi officials have insisted that the elections go ahead as scheduled, despite the persistent violence.

Interim President al-Yawer said that if the elections were postponed for six months. there was no guarantee the violence would wane. The insurgents "might lay down for two or three months, then carry out attacks again," he said.

Most of the violence occurred around Kut, southeast of Baghdad, and the northern city of Mosul, Iraq's third-largest city.

Near Kut, three Iraqi policemen were killed in one shooting and three Iraqi National Guard officers were killed by a hand grenade in another attack. As mourners gathered for the policemen's funeral a suicide attacker blew himself up in the crowd, killing himself and seven others.

Gunmen also shot dead an Iraqi translator for a Filipino company working on water projects for multinational forces near Kut, a medi-

In Mosul, insurgents shot dead a member of a local government council. They also set off explo-sives as a U.S. convoy passed, damaging a Bradley Fighting Vehicle, but no casualties were immediately reported.

A mortar also damaged a school in Mosul to be used as a



polling place. And four other morpreparations there. tar rounds blasted schools in rela

Even in heavily Shiite areas of south-central Iraq, which is far more stable than Mosul or Baghdad, several election workers have been threatened and resigned in recent days, a senior U.S. Embassy official said Sunday in Hillah while outlining election

tively quiet Basra, in the south,

also slated to serve as polling cen-

"Most expect a high turnout if things seem quiet enough. There is some worry if you have a series of car bombs, people will think twice about coming," the official

said Elsewhere in central Baghdad, insurgents attacked an Iraqi National Guard natrol on the east side of the Tigris river, then melted into the crowd in the open market area, sending shoppers runU.S. Army 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry soldiers search cars around an auto repair shop Sunday in Mosul. Irag. in an area plagued by car bombs and other insurgent attacks. The Mosul area has emerged as a major flashpoint, raising fears that the upcoming election cannot be held in much of the city, Iraq's third largest.

ning. Sounds of heavy machine-gun and automatic-weapons fire reverberated for nearly an hour along Haifa street on the western side of the river.

Wolfowitz, speaking in Jakarta, Indonesia, acknowledged that the security threat was worse than in last October's nationwide ballot-ing in Afghanistan and that it was impossible to guarantee "absolute security" against the "extraordi-nary intimidation that the enemy is undertaking.



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Iragi air force reactivated

BAGHDAD - One of the Iraqi air force's defunct transport squadrons was formally reactivated on Sunday and received a delivery of three C-130E Hercules cargo planes from the United States, the U.S. military said

Iraqi airmen celebrated the arrival of the planes by slaughtering five sheep in a ceremony at an airfield and marked the planes with blood. About 65 air force personnel will receive instruction in flying and maintaining the aircraft from U.S. Air Force commanders in Iraq and on flight simulators in the United States

Babylon unharmed, Polish troops say

WARSAW, Poland - A Polish official on Sunday dismissed charges by the British Museum that multinational troops damaged the ancient Iraqi city of Babylon, saying soldiers took the utmost care to preserve archaeological sites after setting up camp.

Polish troops in Babylon were accompanied by archaeologists, and Iraqi authorities responsible for the preservation of monuments were consulted on all work done at the military camp in the city, Defense Ministry spokesman Col. Piotr Pertek was quoted as saying.

Oil to flow again through damaged pipeline

The Associated Pres

BAGHDAD — Almost a month after saboteurs shut down a northern Iraqi oil pipeline, the government said Sunday it should resume pumping crude from northern fields to an export terminal in southeastern Turkey by month's end.

A Dec. 18 explosion caused by saboteurs halted the flow of oil through the northern pipeline, which was carrying about 400,000 barrels a day before the attack.

"Repair work on the damaged export pipeline that carries crude oil from Kirkuk 44 Exports via the pipeline to Turkey's Ceyhan port are expected to resume immediately after completing repair work. ??

Oil Ministry statement

oil fields to the Turkish port of Ceyhan is expected to finish in 10 days time from now," the Oil Ministry statement said. "Exports via the pipeline to Turkey's Ceyhan port are expected to resume immediately

after completing repair work."

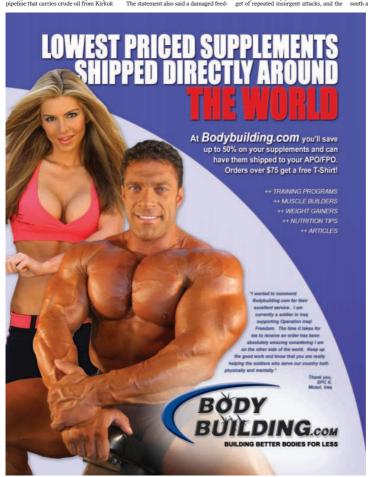
The statement also said a damaged feed-

er pipeline that carries crude oil from Kirkuk oil fields to the Beiji refinery, in northern Iraq, has been repaired and has started resupplying the refinery with

300,000 barrels a day. Iraq's northern pipeline has been the tarstorage facilities at Ceyhan, Turkey, ran dry last month.

Traq's State Oil Marketing Organization last week informed customers it would reduce southern term export contracts by about 10 percent, or 160,000-170,000 barrels a day, for five months due to insurgent attacks, bad weather hampering the southern export terminals' operations and demurrage costs.

The organization's chief, Dhiaa al-Bakka, said last month that exports averaged 1.55 million barrels a day in 2004, with 1.43 million barrels coming from the south and 120,000 from the north.



80 Afghan prisoners released by the U.S.

BY STEPHEN GRAHAM

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — The U.S. military on Sunday fread about 80 prisoners held in Afghanistan, and the country's most senior judge said the government was negotiating for the release of hundreds more Afghans from American custody.

In a move which could help a reconciliation drive with former Taliban, two buses brought the 80 Afghan men from the main U.S. base at Bagram to the Supreme Court in the capital, Kabul, where they were received by the chief justice.

Fazl Hadi Shinwari congratulated them on their freedom and told them to be grateful to return to their families for the Muslim feast of Eid al-Adha, which begins Thursday.

"Don't sabotage the security or the government and God will be pleased with you," the whitebearded cleric told the men, seated in a hall at the court before they were allowed to complete their journeys home.

An aide to president Hamid Karzai, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the prisoners had been held either at Bagram, at a U.S. base in the southeastern city of Khost or at Kandahar in the south. Court officials initially announced that the men were from the U.S. jail at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, but later said they were mistaken.

American and allied Afghan forces captured thousands of suspected Taliban and al-Qaida members in Afghanistan during and since the bombing campaign which ousted the repressive Taliban government in late 2001.

Hundreds have been classified as "enemy combatants" and transferred to the prison at the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo, while many others have been held at American bases in Afehanistan.

The U.S. military has suggested it is minimizing detentions and that a reconciliation program to be organized by Karzai's government could reduce the numbers further.

Bush says election win ratifies his Iraq policy

BY JIM VANDEHEI AND MICHAEL A. FLETCHER The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - President Bush said the public's decision to re-elect him was a ratification of his approach toward Iraq and that there was no reason to hold any administration officials accountable for mistakes or misjudgments in prewar planning or managing the violent aftermath

"We had an accountability mo ment, and that's called the 2004 elections," Bush said in an interview with The Washington Post. The American people listened to different assessments made about what was taking place in Iraq, and they looked at the two candidates and chose me.

With the Iraq elections two weeks away and no signs of the deadly insurgency abating, Bush set no timetable for withdrawing U.S. troops and twice declined to endorse Secretary of State Colin Powell's recent statement that the number of Americans serving in Iraq could be reduced by year's end. Bush said he will not ask Congress to expand the size of the National Guard or regular Army, as some lawmakers and military experts propose.

In a wide-ranging, 35-minute interview aboard Air Force One on Friday, Bush also laid out new details of his second-term plans for both foreign and domestic policy. For the first time, Bush said he will not press senators to pass a Constitutional amendment banning gay marriage, the top priority for many social conservative groups. And he said he has no plans to cut benefits for the roughly 40 percent of Social Security recipients who collect monthly disability and survivors payments as he prepares his plan for partial privatization.

With his inauguration just days away, Bush defended the admin tration's decision to force the District of Columbia to spend \$12 million of its homeland security budget to provide tighter security for this week's festivities. He also



President Bush greets the crowd Friday at Florida Community College at Jacksonville-South Campus in Jacksonville, Fla., following a convetion on higher education and job training there with Florida officials.

warned that the ceremony could make the city "an attractive target for terrorists

But it will be Iraq that dominates White House deliberations off stage. Over the next few weeks, Bush will be monitoring closely Irag's plan to hold elections for a 275-member national assembly. He must deliver his State of the Union address with a message of resolve on Iraq, and he will need to seek congressional approval for roughly \$100 billion in emergency spending, much of it for the war

In the interview, the president urged Americans to show patience in coming months as Iraq moves slowly toward creating a democratic nation where a brutal dictatorship once stood. But the relentless optimism that dominated Bush's speeches before the U.S. election was sometimes replaced by pragmatism and cau-

"On a complicated matter such as removing a dictator from power and trying to help achieve democracy, sometimes the unexpected will happen, both good and bad," he said. "I am realistic about how quickly a society that has been dominated by a tyrant can become a democracy. ... I am

more patient than some Powell last week said U.S. troops levels could be reduced this year, but Bush said it is premature to judge the number of U.S. men and women who will be needed to defeat the insurgency and plant a new and sustainable government. He also declined to pledge to significantly reduce U.S. troop level before the end of his second term in January 2009.

A new report released last week by U.S. intelligence agencies warned that the war in Iraq has created a new training ground for terrorists. Bush called the report "somewhat specula-"this tive' but acknowledged could happen. And I agree. If we are not diligent and firm, there will be parts of the world that become pockets for terrorists to find safe haven and to train. And we have a duty to disrupt that

La. prison journalist freed after 44 years

Man found guilty of manslaughter in '61 death

BY ADAM NOSSITER The Associated Press

LAKE CHARLES, La. - An award-winning black journalist convicted of murder three times by all-white juries in the 1961 death of a bank teller was set free after a racially mixed jury found him guilty of manslaugh

Wilbert Rideau, a confessed killer who gained fame for exposés of harsh Louisiana prison life, won his release Saturday after nearly 44 years in state prisons. A manslaughter conviction allows his release for time served. Seven whites and five blacks

deliberated for nearly six hours before reaching an unanimous

Rideau, 62, showed little emotion as the verdict was announced late Saturday night. He left the Calcasieu Correctional Center with his lawyers, making only a few passing comments to reporters.

"I'm still trying to assess it," Rideau said. "It's unreal. It's all so new.

A small but jubilant crowd of supporters cheered Saturday's decision, shouting, "All right, decision, shouting, "All right, Wilbert!" and "Thank you,

On Sunday, Rideau left Lake Charles for Baton Rouge. His supporters were worried for his safety because of the depth of feeling against him in parts of Lake Charles, said Linda La-Branche, a legal researcher who worked with the Rideau Project at Loyola University in New Or-



ans and now runs Rideau's

The case has haunted this lakeside city near the Texas line for decades. Rideau's advocates have contended that his years in prison have rehabilitated him.

Rideau was 19 at the time of Julia Ferguson's death. He never denied killing his victim, who was white. His lawyers contended he panicked after a bank robbery and stabbed her impulsively amid Louisiana's 1960s- era climate of racial hostility.

Rideau, who escaped death row in the 1970s when the U.S. Supreme Court outlawed then-existing death penalty laws, has had three previous convictions for Ferguson's death. The convictions were overturned on appeal.

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Rescuers find body of one missing in avalanche



Warning signs mark the boundary of The Canyons ski resort outside Park City, Utah. Five people who went beyond the barriers are missing following Friday's avalanche.

The Associated Press

PARK CITY, Utah - Rescuers and trained dogs discovered a body Sunday of one of the five people feared buried by a massive avalanche.

Katie Eldridge, spokeswoman for The Canyons ski resort, near the avalanche, said a news conference was being scheduled to announce the details.

More than 150 rescue workers and trained dogs began scaling Utah's treacherous backcountry at sunrise Sunday to resume the search. The amount of snow forced down the mountain by Friday's slide - up to 30 feet deep at some points forced authorities to count the potential victims by matching evewitness accounts of the avalanche to a list of skiers thought to be in the area at the time.

One person was identified as having been consumed by the avalanche: Shane Maixner, 28, of Sandpoint, Idaho, whose friend told a 911 dispatcher that he saw Maixner buried by the slide, Summit County Sheriff Dave Edmunds said.

Rescue workers spent all day Saturday digging through the massive snow pile but found no traces of any of the missing. If Sunday's second sweep of the debris field failed to find anything, authorities planned to bring in machines to take away layers of snow, Edmunds said.

"It's been quite awhile now but if anybody can survive Shane can." Maixner's stepmother, Linda Maixner, said Sunday from her home in Rismarck ND

Those feared buried were in an out-of-bounds area near The Canyons resort that had been marked with skull and crossbones warning signs. Adding to the danger were two weeks of wet, heavy snow across the Wasatch mountain range that prompted extreme avalanche warnings across the region, especially in the backcountry.

The danger of more avalanches re-mained high in the Wasatch Mountains, which received as much as eight feet of wet, heavy snow over the last two weeks.

Volunteers are "risking their lives trying to make a recovery," Edmunds said.

'See Dick and Jane. See Dick and Jane sue': Yiddish version called violation of copyright

NEW YORK - See Dick and Jane. See Dick and Jane get a law-

Pearson Education, the publishing company that owns the copyright to the single-named stars of countless U.S. reading primers, is suing a division of Time Warner for co-opting the characters in a book called "Yiddish With Dick and Jane." according to The New

The suit, filed in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles, claims the violates Pearson's copyright. The book, which has sold more than 100,000 copies since it was published in September by Little, Brown & Company, is billed as a parody.

Not so, the lawsuit says. "Yid-dish With Dick and Jane" "is not a parody, but is an unprotected imitation," the suit alleges.

Author Barbara Davilman, who co-wrote the book with Ellis Weiner, told the newspaper that she views the lawsuit as "a good old shakedown for money." The parody book takes Dick and Jane into adulthood, where they're faced with problems like adultery, ailing parents and sexual orienta-

Pearson declined to comment further on the lawsuit, according to the Times. Little, Brown part of the Time Warner Book Group - issued a statement defending its product.

The book was "entitled to the full protection of the First Amendment and related laws permitting of social company," the statement



A dental office X-ray reveals a four-inch nail embedded in the skull of Patrick Lawler, 23, which was removed Thursday at Littleton Adventist Hospital in suburban Denver.

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Before tax deadline ...

CRS MarketWatch

NEW YORK - While the April 15 tax deadline is still three months away, there are some tax preparations you should be making now.

So says Tom Ochsenschlager, vice president of tay for the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He recommends that you make these five preparations before the end of January:

■ Get organized. As your relevant tax materials arrive in the mail, "put them all in a single file," he says. Specifically, be on the lookout for W-2, 1099 and 1099B forms.

■ Make an appointment. If you plan to have someone else prepare your taxes, now is the time to approach him or her. "It's not unusual for preparers not to take on new clients after the end of this month," says Ochsenschlager

■ Decide whether you'll take

the state sales tax or state in-come tax deduction. Under the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004, taxpayers can choose to deduct either their state and local sales tax, or their state and local income tax. Income tax likely will be the greater of the two; however, you might want to deduct your state and local sales tax if you've recently made one or more major purchases, such as a home, car, or boat.

■ Check out tax preparation software. If you'll be preparing your own tax returns, you might invest in tax preparation soft-ware such as Intuit's TurboTax or H&R Block's TaxCut. The programs will help you crunch the numbers, and you can deduct the cost of software on your 2005

■ Review changes to tax laws These include alterations to the tax credits for combat pay. You can read about these changes on IRS' Web site the www.irs.gov/.

Man discovers four-inch nail embedded in skull

BY ERIN GARTNER The Associated Press

LITTLETON, Colo. - A dentist found the source of the toothache Patrick Lawler was complaining about on the roof of his mouth: a four-inch nail the construction worker had unknowingly embedded in his skull six days earlier.

A nail gun backfired on Lawler. 23. on Jan. 6 while working in Breckenridge, a ski resort town in the central Colorado mountains

The tool sent a nail into a piece of wood nearby, but Lawler didn't realize a second nail had shot through his mouth, said his sister, Lisa Metcalse. Following the accident, Lawl-

er had what he thought was a minor toothache and blurry vision. On Wednesday, after painkillers and ice didn't ease the pain, he went to a dental office where his wife, Katerina, works.

"We all are friends, so I thought the [dentists] were joking ... then the doctor came out and said 'There's really a nail.' Katerina Lawler said. "Patrick iust broke down. I mean, he had been eating ice cream to help the swelling

He was taken to a suburban Denver hospital, where he underwent a four-hour surgery. The nail had plunged 1½ inches into his brain, barely missing his right eye, Metcalse said. "This is the second one we've

seen in this hospital where the person was injured by the nail gun and didn't actually realize the nail had been imbedded in their skull," neurosurgeon Sean Markey told KUSA-TV in Denver. "But it's a pretty rare inju-

. Lawler was recovering Sunday in the hospital, where he was expected to spend several more days.

Despite his lack of medical in-surance and hospital bills between \$80,000 and \$100,000, Katerina Lawler said her husband is in good spirits. "The doctors said, 'If you're

going to have a nail in the brain, that's the way you want it to be," she said. "He's the luckiest guy, ever

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Love regains custody of daughter

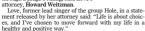
Singer Courtney Love has regained full custody of her 11-year-old daughter, her attorney said.

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Love, 40, lost custody of Frances Bean Cobain, her daughter with late Nirvana singer Kurt Cobain, in 2003 after she overdosed on painkillers in front of the girl. The overdose occurred after Love allegedly broke into the home of her ex-boyfriend. music producer Jim Barber.

Her daughter had been staying with Love's stepfather and sister, but Love had daily contact with the girl

Love regained custody Monday through a judge's ruling, said Love's



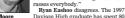


Opinions split on Moore in hometown

Oscar on the shelf or not, Michael Moore is not getting much respect at his old high school in Davison, Mich. Despite his fame and many honors, the filmmaker has

been rejected all four times that he has been nominated for Davison





Davison High graduate has spent 80 hours the last two weeks and \$600 of

his own money trying to get Moore elected.
"We've been blacklisted," Eashoo, 25, told the Detroit
Free Press. "Tm a huge Michael Moore fan. He's a great producer, great filmmaker, always sticking up for minorities. He's kind of an underdog."

So far, Eashoo has 300 signed nominations of Moore. His goal is 2,000 by Feb. 1. The committee meets Feb. 11 to choose its inductees

Clarkson honored in Big Easy

Patricia Clarkson, back in her native Louisiana to play a governor's adviser in a remake of the film "All the King's Men," was celebrated like royalty when the mayor designated a day in her honor.

New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin, a former high school classmate of Clarkson, declared Jan. 13 Patricia Clarkson Day and held a written proclamation that referred to the actress as "the Queen of Hollywood





Walker [High School] stage ... that I would be here today with a day?"

New Orleans has become a frequent film location in recent years since state lawmakers approved tax credits for the industry. Nagin has sought to build on that by promoting the city as "Hollywood South

"All the King's Men" also stars Sean Penn

Lords is face of cosmetics ad campaign

Traci Lords is putting her best face forward as the star of Duprey Cosmetics' 2005 advertising campaign

"Traci has incredible sex appeal," said Duprey co-founder Brian Duprey. "Her look can be ethereal, flirty or downright dangerous. She's the ultimate tempt-

Lords, 35, filmed the first commercial in Los Angeles earlier this week in a series of sexy ads featuring the face of the former porn star.

Last year, Lords published her autobiography, "Traci Lords: Underneath it All," and appeared as a celebrity judge on IFC's "Ultimate Film Fanatic."

Stories and photos from The Associated Press



Sitting down with 'Coach Cool'

Samuel L. Jackson takes to court in real-life flick

By COLLEEN LONG The Associated Press

NEW YORK amuel L. Jackson is flippant, brushing off his expansive film career, and cool-guy

His casual clothes fit the attitude: black running jacket, jeans, white sneaks and just a hint of bling in a diamond-ringed watch and a dog tag with his initials around his neck. His nearly impervious ego is surprising, but with nearly 80 films under his belt, he doesn't really need to care what people think of him. With Jackson's articulate nature, along with a graying mustache and glasses, he could pass for a teacher, maybe one who taught How

to Be Hip 101. The 56-year-old actor's latest lm. "Coach Carter." is based on the real-life story of Ken Carter, a bas ketball coach in an inner-city high school in Richmond, Calif. Carter benched his whole team because some varsity players weren't academically performing up to standards he set in a contract

Jackson's no fool. He knows his movie isn't going to elicit any big change in how education is general ly reviled and athletics revered in schools, but he's OK with it. He's happy as long as a few kids see the film and decide they want to study more, or figure out that an education is something invaluable.

What did you think of Carter when you heard about him?

Jackson: I thought it was a refreshing change from always hearing about winning at any cost. I liked that about what he was doing, putting the idea out there that education is worth something, that it's important. That it will get you somewhere. And when the movie idea came my way, I thought it was socially relevant.

Do you agree with his methods? Jackson: Sure, in some ways Somewhere along the way we lost the idea of a "student-athlete." They have become "athlete-students."
But winning on the floor is a reward for doing well in the classroom....

What do you think about the idea that inner-city kids are set up to fail?

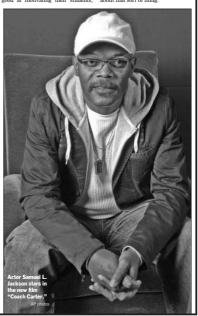
Jackson: That's true. It's the whole idea that if you show up, you pass on. It's also that they need to see there's an upside to being smart, not just being athletic and hip. I don't

think teachers are living up to the standards they should be. They tend to service the kids who pay attention, they don't want to deal with the kids that don't get the grades or that have the problems or that act out. In the city schools, they're also looking out for themselves and their well-heing

I have some teacher friends that wouldn't be too happy to hear you say that

Jackson: I have teacher friends too, and they are goal-oriented and good at motivating their students, and will work with the kids that need the extra help instead of ignoring them, but I think that's the minority Do you feel like you have to be a

role model because of your fame? Jackson: No. I think I need to be a responsible human being, and do things I believe in, and I help out people but I don't do that publicly. It's not my responsibility as an actor to tell you who to vote for, or what cause to believe in or who to give money to. It makes me crazy to hear people in my profession preach about that sort of thing.



TUESDAY EVENING / JANUARY 18 2005

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7	AFN-ATL		(:35) Guiding Light	(CC)	(:17) General Hos- pital (CC)	Headline News	Judge Judy (CC)	Today (CC)			1	I Spy (CC)	Animaniacs
8	NEWS	frey (CC) Hardball With Chris	Matthews	The O'Reilly Facto		FOX News (CC)	1	Fox and Friends F		Fox and Friends		American Morning	
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32	TLC	Overhaulin' "Monte Monte Carlo.	Fuego' Dad's 1970	Rides "Skin" (CC)	,	American Hot Rod				Rides "Skin" (CC)		In a Fix (CC)	
34	TOON	Samurai Jack	Dexter's Laborato- ry	Codename: Kids Next Door	Justice League	Powerpuff Girls!	Cartoon Cartoon C	Cartoon shorts.	Looney Tunes	I Am Weasel	What a Cartoon Show	Scooby-Doo, When	e Are You!
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43	FOX	Donna sleeps over	That '70s Show Gang gets ready to graduate. (CC)	The Simpsons Homer wins a trip to Africa. (CC)	Seinfeld Jerry owes library a book from 1971.	The Rebel Billiona Quest for the Best land in the Caribbe	"Florida" Private is-	House "Pilot" House save the life of a kin (CC)	and his team try to dergarten teacher.	News		The Simpsons "I'm Goin' to Praiseland" (CC)	Seinfeld Jerry's girlfriend is a masseuse. (CC)
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60	NICK	Hey Arnold! Sid borrows Arnold's room. (CC)	Rugrats Tommy and Chuckie fear a dust bunny.	The Adventures of Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius	The Fairly Odd- Parents Caught in the middle. (CC)	SpongeBob SquarePants A tal- ent show. (CC)	Ned's Declassified School Survival Guide Diary.	Fatherhood Norma wants to buy a bookstore.	The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air Phil's heart attack. (CC)	The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air Will's English grade.	The Cosby Show Rudy hamster-sits for a friend. (CC)	Roseanne Roseanne and Dan are on edge. (CC)	Roseanne David reveals secret about Darlene.

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Hunting is a total experience

Col. John C. Hudson's Jan. 9 letter "Hunting is not best approach" attempts to be the last word about the moralities of hunting. It's simply not economically logical to hunt, he says. Add up the numbers. It just doesn't make sense

Well colonel, the experience of hunting isn't about the answers. It's about the questions that accumulate while you are out there, such as:

■ Why does a hail call make Central Flyway mallards circle your decoys on a cold blue sky morning with a north wind, but not on a warmer day in the North-

■ What causes speckle-belly and snow geese to answer back to your call in Texas and parachute into your spread on a foggy morning, but not give you a second look on a clear day?

■ Why is it that when pheasant hunting in Kansas, your bird dog can't tell the dif-ference between a smell hen pheasant or a rooster?

■ What is it about the flush of Texas quail or New Hampshire partridge that always makes your heart skip a beat?

■ Why do herds of Colorado elk travel through dense deadwood silently, but sound like a locomotive when crossing fence lines in New Mexico?

If you don't have any idea why these questions are relevant, then you've never experienced the magic of why hunting is so important to our American way of life. The personal quest for answers to questions such as these pumps the greatest amount of conservation dollars into the restoration of habitat for all wildlife species. It's a fact that hunters are your country's most avid conservationists.

You see, Col. Hudson, for those of us who are passionate about hunting, it doesn't have to be economically logical or civilized. It's magical. That's, of course, if you don't profess to have all the answers

> Marine Lt. Col B.W. Soderberg Yongsan Garrison, South Korea

Feeding family comes first

I am replying to the Jan. 9 letter "Hunting is not best approach," written by Col. John C. Hudson: I'm a bona fide, dedicated hunter. I'm thankful for the hunting skills that were passed down to me from my kin; [without those skills], I wouldn't have been able to put meat on the table for my family numerous times in my ca-

I am sure some [people in] Third World countries would agree with me, that if they had big game to feed their families or the chance [to hunt], they would jump on it. We are all not as fortunate as others who have the means and not the worries of where their next meal comes from or if they will eat today.

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I'm not sure if I ever cared about what an animal thought, I only was thinking food and that my wife and kids [are] hoping I would come home with dinner. Life is hard, as I know from firsthand experience. I can say this: The \$5 spent on ammunition was worth the three or four months of food for my family.

I don't think that same \$5 would have bought me two pounds of hamburger. Nor would it have lasted three or four months. Some people need to stop forcing their beliefs on others and look at those who are in need.

Yes, there are people who hunt for sport, but most hunt for meat. I use every piece of the deer or bear. Pelt is sold. meat is cut and frozen, and innards are made into soup and or sausage. All scraps are made into jerky. I am saddened by Col. Hudson's comments, but I do respect them.

But I have one question for Col. Hudson: Would he rather my family suffer without food, or the animal without life? Anyone who ponders that question is in-

humane. Gunnery Sgt. James Belanger

Camp Hansen, Okinawa

Organize a weeklong boycott I have seen a lot of letters on the price of gas. To the writers: If you have not noticed, they are doing no good; you are still paying high prices.

You are American citizens. Quit complaining and do something about it. Organize a boycott of Army and Air Force Exchange Service for a week. Pay the high cost that the locals do, carpool, or use the public transportation system. You will never rid yourself of the monopoly placed upon you by AAFES, so do something other than whine about it.

If you can organize a big enough boy-

cott of its services, AAFES will be reminded of whom it is that it serves. It cannot use the excuse of its costs being too high because it does not pay taxes. If the consumer is willing to pay the prices, then AAFES is harming no one. If a tax-paying business can afford to run a service station with the prices it charges, then a nontax-paying organization is mak-

ing an extreme killing off of you.

If you show the giant a consolidated front, your message will be received and acted upon. If everyone refuses to use AAFES for one whole week, you will have gained a bargaining chip that is indisputably powerful and then you can dictate terms. Your whining to a news source does

you no good. Use the rights given to you by your forebears and those of us currentdeployed. Rise up against the oppressive system that is in place. Do something about it other than whine.

While you are at it, hurry up, because I am coming home to Germany soon.

> Sot 1st Class Barren Bateman Tikrit, Iraa

Comfort lies in God

Regarding Tom Schaefer's column on suffering and the existence of God ("Seeing suffering: A challenge for the faithful," Jan. 5): For the Christian, the ultimate comfort is in the knowledge that this world is not our home. We face earthly experiences armed with eternal realities. While we cannot explain such devastation as the tsunamis caused in those countries, we can know that God was and is with them all. The hands arms feet and voice of our Lord will be known in the rescuers from so many different places, and even in some of the survivors who think of, or thought of, others before themselves.

We can be His hands, as well.

Our strength as witnesses of all the destruction's aftermath is in knowing that we are not helpless, that we can pray for our brothers and sisters who suffer. We will ask God's angels to minister to the wounded, no matter how, until medical or spiritual aid arrives. When we are "moved with compassion," as Jesus is so often described as being in the New Testament, and this causes us to fall to our knees in prayer for others' well-being, those prayers have great effect. And, of course, so many will donate money and supplies out of their willing spirits' desire to help.

I do not question whether God exists, or whether he is all good. I know both to be true. I also know that we are not home yet, and we need to always look up and out, instead of within, if we are to find the creator of the universe. Trusting in him makes all the difference when tragedies arise, either in our own lives or when we see them in the lives of others. Lynda M. MacFarland

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GOOD AFTERNOON, MY



CLASS WOULD BE VIABLE BUT NOW, FOLLOWING THE GONZALES CONFIRMATION, WE'RE GOOD TO GO!

AS YOU KNOW, IT'S BEEN





OPINION

A nation full of faith and religious illiterates

BY STEPHEN PROTHERO

he sociologist Peter Berger once remarked that if India is the most reli gious country in the world and Sweden the least, then the United States is a nation of Indians ruled by Swedes. Not anymore.

With a Jesus lover in the Oval Office and a faith-based party in control of both houses of Congress, the United States is undeniably a nation of believers ruled by the same

Things are different in Europe, and not just in Sweden. The Dutch are four times less likely than Americans to believe in mira cles, hell and biblical inerrancy. The euro does not trust in God. But here is the para dox: Although Americans are far more reli gious than Europeans, they know far less about religion.

In Europe, religious education is the rule from the elementary grades on. So Austrians. Norwegians and the Irish can tell you about the Seven Deadly Sins or the Five Pillars of Islam. But, according to a 1997 poll, only 1 out of 3 U.S. citizens is able to name the most basic of Christian texts, the four Gospels, and 12 percent think Noah's wife was Joan of Arc. That paints a picture of a nation that believes God speaks in Scripture but that can't be bothered to read what he has to say

U.S. Catholics, evangelicals and Jews have been lamenting for some time a crisis of religious literacy in their ranks. But the dangers of religious ignorance are by no means confined to those worried about catechizing their children or cultivating the next generation of clergy.

When Americans debated slavery, almost exclusively on the basis of the Bible, people of all races and classes could follow the debate. They could make sense of its references to the runaway slave in the New Testa ment book of Philemon and to the year of ju bilee, when slaves could be freed, in the Old

Testament book of Leviticus. Today it is a rare American who can engage with any sophistication in biblically inflected arguments about gay marriage, abortion or stem cell research

Since Sept. 11, 2001, President Bush has been telling us that "Islam is a religion of peace," while evangelist Franklin Graham (Billy's son) has insisted otherwise. Who is right? Americans have no way to tell because they know virtually nothing about Islam. Such ignorance imperils our public life, putting citizens in the thrall of talking

How did this happen? How did one of the most religious countries in the world become a nation of religious illiterates? Religious congregations are surely at fault Churches and synagogues that once inculcated the "fourth R" are now telling the faithful stories "ripped from the headlines" rather than teaching them the Ten Commandments or parsing the Sermon on the Mount (which was delivered, as only 1 in 3 Americans can tell you, by Jesus). But most of the fault lies in our elementary and secondary schools

In a majority opinion in a 1963 church-state case (Abington vs. Schempp), Supreme Court Justice Tom Clark wrote, "It might well be said that one's education is not complete without a study of comparative religion ... and its relationship to the advance of civilization." If so, the education of nearly every public school student in the nation is woefully inadequate.

Because of misunderstandings about the First Amendment, religious studies are seldom taught in public schools. When they are, instruction typically begins only in high school and with teachers not trained in the subtle distinction between teaching religion (unconstitutional) and teaching about religion (essential).

Though state educational standards no longer ignore religion as they did a decade ago, coverage of religion in history and so-



cial science textbooks is spotty at best. Charles Haynes senior scholar at the First Amendment Center in Virginia., said: "It is as if we got freedom of religion in 1791 and then we were free from religion after that.'

Now that the religious right has triumphed over the secular left, every politician seems determined to get religion. They're all asking "What Would Jesus Do?" about the war in Iraq, gay marriage, poverty and Social Security. And though the ACLU may rage, it is not un-American to bring religious reasoning into our public de-

bates. In fact, that has been happening ever since George Washington put his hand on a Bible and swore to unhold the Constitution. What is un-American is to give those debates over to televangelists of either the secular or the religious variety, to absent our selves from the discussion by ignorance A few days after Sept. 11, a turbaned Indi-

an-American man was shot and killed in Arizona by a bigot who believed the man's dress marked him as a Muslim. But what killed Balbir Singh Sodhi (who was not a Muslim but a Sikh) was not so much bigotry as ignorance. The moral of his story is not just that we need more tolerance. It is that Americans - of both the religious and the secular variety - need to understand religion. Resolving in 2005 to read for yourself either the Bible or the Quran (or both) might not be a bad place to start.

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Delaying election would turn back the clock in Iraq BY KARIM KHUTAR ALMUSAWI

ith only a little more than two

weeks to go before Jan. 30. there are still some people who want to postpone the Iraqi elections But that would be a terrible mistake

For one thing, the Iraqi people are longing for democracy after decades of dictatorship and oppression, and they are not inclined to wait much longer. This was confirmed by a survey conducted by the International Re-publican Institute in December, showing that 67.4 percent of Iraqis support going for ward with the elections as scheduled. According to Iraq's independent election com mittee, 7,471 candidates — representing 75 political entities, 27 organizations and nine coalitions - plan to participate in the national assembly elections. Don't be fooled by propagandists: This

election process - to create a transitional na tional assembly that will begin to build durable democratic institutions and draft a constitution - is for the benefit of all. No effort has been made by authorities to stop anyone from participating, so there is no "Sunni crisis" as some people are suggesting.
Simply speaking, the new Iraq will be for

all Iraqis and not for any one particular group, faction or religion. It will represent all the Arabs, Kurds, Turkmens and Assyrians, and any other minorities or religions

No one wants injustice or inequality except the terrorists. That was the old policy under the racist regime of Saddam Hussein a policy that led to mass graves all over the country - and the terrorists today would like to re-create it.

You have to ask yourself whose interest is served by the call to postpone the elections, despite the intense efforts of the independent electoral commission, despite the support of the main Iraqi parties and institutions, despite the clear desire of friendly nations and the United Nations to have the elections held on time. Grand Ayatollah Ali Sistani's representative said on Dec. 31: "The issue of the election in Iraq is a decisive matter for all Iragis. There is a consensus on holding it. Any attempt to postpone it means causing an unimaginable crisis. And what is to be gained by putting off the

election? The deteriorating security conditions won't vanish within the coming weeks or months, even after the elections. In fact, holding elections and putting a popular, legitimate, democratic government in place is the best way to help stabilize and secure the country - not the other way around

Some have suggested calling a "reconcilia-tion convention" before the election is held. But reconciliation has been reached already; the only ones outside the circle are the Baathists. And reconciling with the Baathists is out of the question. It is not only against the interest of the Kurds and Shiites to reconcile with the Baathists, but it is against the interest of most Sunnis as well

The call by some for a boycott of the elections as long as our nation remains occupied is also misguided. The reality of the matter is that the multinational forces in Iraq are an absolute necessity for the moment.

But yes, of course, we will support efforts by the newly elected government to set a schedule for the withdrawal of these forces once they are no longer needed.

Holding the elections is our only choice. and it should be done on schedule. To put them off would be to give in to a terrible clandestine plot that might well lead to canceling them forever. This would lead Iraq back to

where we were under the former regime. Karim Khutar Almusawi is the representative in Washington of the Supreme Council for Islamic Revolution in Iraq, a leading Shilte political party. This column first appeared in the Los Angeles Times.

Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



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Dogfight trial

PA PITTSBURGH — A man who mailed pit bull fight videotapes to government investigators is the first person to stand trial under a 1999 federal animal cruelty statute signed by President Clinton.

The lawyer for Robert Stevens, 61, of Pittsville, Va., doesn't dispute that Stevens sold the tapes, some of which he nar-

Instead, federal public defender Michael Novaro said during Stevens' trial that his client shouldn't be targeted because the intent of the law was to prevent "wanton cruelty to animals designed to appeal to a prurient interest in sex." Clinton signed the law after complaints about videos in which small animals were pictured being crushed under the feet of women wearing spiked heels.

Gas explosion at mall

CHICAGO — A natural gas explosion overturned cars and blasted a hole in a parking lot at a shopping mall on the city's southwest side, authorities said. Ten people were hurt.

The cause of the explosion at the Ford City Mall was unknown, authorities said. Utility crews were on the scene to shut down gas service to the area. Ambulances and other emergency crews also responded.

Three of the injured were taken to the hospital in serious condition, while the others were in fair or good condition, Chicago Fire Department spokeswoman Rosa Escareno said.

Halfway house shooting

MD BALTIMORE — At least one gumman entered a half-way house, shot to death three residents and seriously wounded a fourth man, who escaped by apparently jumping out a window, police said.

Investigators believe one of the victims might have been killed over a debt. The others may have been shot because they were witnesses, police said.

The three men who died in the shootings lived at the home, which serves people recovering from drug or alcohol addiction. Each was shot at least once and was found in a seated position. The fourth man had a gunshot

The fourth man had a gunshot wound to his back and other injuries. Their identities were not released. Police were still searching for suspects.

Rebel flags over graves

NC CHARLOTTE—A Confederate battle flag flying over the graves of Civil War soldiers in a city-owned cemetery should be placed in a glass case and flow only on designated days, according to draft recommendations from a city committee.

The group also suggested replacing the battle flag at Elmwood Cemetery with another Confederate flag, such as the N.C. State Flag of 1861.

The Charlotte City Council still must approve the recommendations, but flag supporters oppose what they've heard so far.

"If this is their recommendation,



Union and district negotiators have been meeting with a federal mediator to try to avert what would be the fourth strike in the state's largest school district since 1973.

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we will fight it," said Mark Alexander Palmer, who has relatives buried at Elmwood. "This flag represents what these men fought and died under. It represents their beliefs. They have the right to have it flown over their headstones."

Drill sergeant sentenced

FORT STILL—A drill sergeant was convicted of taking bribes from trainees under his command in which soldiers could buy "insurance" to guarantee they would pass basic training.

Sgt. Ist Class Larry T. Jones, 35, was given a five-year prison sentence following his conviction on nine charges and 18 specifications that included bribery, assault, conspiracy and making false statements to investigators.

Teacher strike possible

MO ST. LOUIS — A union board representing St. Louis teachers voted to reject a district contract proposal, bringing the possibility of a walkout.

The executive board of the St. Louis Teachers and School Related Personnel Union Local 420



Young re-enactor

Adam Botts, 7, of Iman, S.C., plays with Randon Thomas, 8, of Gaffney, S.C., at Battle of Cowpens 224th Anniversary Celebration.
The fathers of both boys are in the South Carolina Rangers repeated the group.

Russian mob heist?

NEW YORK — A gang of armed robbers from the former Soviet Union took in more than \$1 million from heists including the robbery of a Manhattan jew-elry store, according to court docu-

ments.

The gang is accused of storming into the store in July, brandishing guns, smashing glass and taking about \$1 million in jewelry, according to an FBI complaint.

FBI agents said they matched DNA from blood left at the scene had a profile of Gidon Abramov, whom they called a ranking Russian Mafia member and leader of the robbers. His car was ticketed near the jewelry store on the day of the robbery, the complaint said.

Abramov was arrested last month. His attorney did not immediately return a phone call seeking comment.

Fewer turkeys raised

MORGANTOWN — West Virginia farmers raised 1.1 million fewer turkeys for the dinner table in 2004 than the year before, but the launch of a new interstate cooperative in Hinton, Va., should help stem the decline.

West Virginia growers raised 3.2 percent from 4.3 million turkeys last year, down 26 percent from 4.3 million in 2003, according to the state Department of Agriculture. The drop was in marked contrast to nationwide production, which was down only 4 percent, from 274 million birds in 0003 no about 264 million last year.

But agriculture spokesman Buddy Davidson said the decline in West Virginia is not a long-term trend, and growers could see gains this year.

Police officer convicted

DETROIT — A federal jury convicted a police officer of stealing illegal drugs and distributing them to people who agreed to be shown using them on his commercial Web site, the U.S. Attorney's office said.

The jury convicted Ceiere Campbell, 31, of distributing crack cocaine and heroin and conspiracy to distribute them. Both charges carry maximum sentences of 20 years in prison.

Prosecutors said Campbell stole the drugs from Detroit police raids that occurred between June 2002 and May 2003, when a relative of Campbell's notified police.

Agents raided Campbell's home and found drugs and drug paraphernalia, a stolen handgun and waivers the drug users signed to permit footage of them to be used on the Internet.

Campbell has been suspended without pay since his arrest. Police spokesman James Tate said Campbell will be removed from the force based on his conviction.



Puddle surfing Tyler Smith skim boards across a puddle at Miss. Smith, from Long Beach, Miss., is a student at MSU.



Frigid determination Kristie Arend of Louisville, Colo., climbs in the Ouray Ice Park during the first full day of the 10th annual Ouray Ice Festival in Ouray. Colo.



Nick Jumonville of New Orleans looks over a trio of Doggie Diner heads Retro hot dogs parked outside an art gallery and wine bar for an exhibit opening in San Francisco. The characters were once the figureheads atop the two dozen Doggie Diner hot dog stands that existed from 1949 to 1986 in the San Francisco Bay area.



St. Thomas School students, front from left, Karli Class act Dockendorf, Madeline Mockler, Amanda Ricke, Marisa Eimers and Katlyn Neises take advantage of the gentle snowfall to catch some snowflakes on their tongues in Madison, S.D.



Tax excitement Drew Batson, of Liberty Tax Service, drums up business outside the company's office in Kansas City, Kan.



Colorful SUBSet A solitary windmill stands against a blazing sunrise 50 miles north of Roswell, N.M.

Child molester freed

TX DALLAS — A former YMCA camp counselor convicted of molesting 40 children and later castrated voluntarily was set to be freed from jail after a judge threw out the newest indictments against him.

District Judge John Nelms ruled that a prosecutor's delay in moving the charges through the courts harmed the chances of a fair trial for David Wayne Jones, who plead-ed guilty in 1991 in exchange for 15 years in prison.

The newest charges involved abuse that allegedly occurred in the early 1990s. Prosecutors brought the charges after the judge dismissed a similar charge, also because prosecutors waited too long to pursue it.

Prosecutors said they will appeal.

Electric cow power

MONTPELIER — The 1,500 cows at Blue Spruce Farm in Bridport are producing more than just milk. They're generating electricity.

The methane gas from their manure is being used to produce electricity for Vermont's largest utility.

The manure is heated up and then produces methane gas as it breaks down. The gas is collected and used to power a generator, which sends electricity onto the nower grid.

So far about 1,000 customers have signed on to pay about 4 cents more per kilowatt-hour for their electricity to support the farmers. Residential households pay about 12 cents per kilowatt-hour normally.

Fatal car wreck

VA RICHMOND — A car traveling at a high rate of speed hit a tree and broke into two pieces in Chesterfield County, killing all three people inside, police said.

"The force of the impact was phenomenal." Chesterfield Police Capt. Karl Leonard said, adding that the car hit a tree in the median, throwing all three people from the vehicle.

The victims, all from suburban Richmond, were identified by police as Brandon L. Fugett, 22; Paul D. Hines, 23: and Brett K. Jones Jr., 23.

Woman hit by car

NE LINCOLN — A driver clipped a pregnant woman and crashed into a Salvation Army Family Store and Donation Center after her foot slipped off the brake of her car, police say.

The 69-year-old woman's vehicle rammed through the concrete and glass, hitting Carrie Harris, 26, who is 5 months pregnant, Harris was treated for cuts on her elbow and a leg injury.

Student withdraws suit

JOPLIN - A student MO JOPLIN — A student barred from wearing a gay pride-themed T-shirt at his south west Missouri high school withdrew his federal lawsuit against the Webb City school district.

The controversy involving Brad Mathewson's choice of clothing including a shirt that said "I'm gay and I'm proud" — deflated with his withdrawal from Webb City High School last month.

"The issue was moot," said Terry Sexton, an attorney for Mathewson.

Mathewson had several confrontations with school officials in the fall. He was suspended Oct. 27 but returned to school Nov. 2 after promising not to wear gay-themed T-shirts until the issue could be resolved.

The school district has said it prohibited the T-shirts because they were disruptive and therefore a violation of school dress code.

School cell phone ban

MA WRENTHAM — Along with chewing gum and notes in class, cell phones have been banned in Wrentham's two elementary schools, adding the town to a growing number of school systems that have cracked down on cell phone use.

Phones in class mainly has been a problem in high schools around the state, which typically ban use in class, but let students carry them In Wrentham teachers heard cell phones ringing in fifthand sixth-grade classrooms for the first time before winter break, prompting the ban.

Naked jogger zapped

AR WEST MEMPHIS — For months, officers have been getting reports about a man making late-night runs in the buff. Police said they think they got their mystery jogger.

Fate Patterson, 39, of West Memphis, was arrested after he ran past a police car and failed to stop when he was ordered to do so by officers. Police chased him and were able to rein him in by using a Taser.

Patterson was charged with indecent exposure, fleeing and resisting arrest Mike Allen, assistant chief of the

West Memphis police department, said that it did not initially appear that the man was mentally ill. He did not disclose his reasons for running without his clothes.

What a catch!

FLORENCE — Gary Gallien is a house painter. But earlier this week he became a dog catcher - literally Working with a crew at an apart-

ment complex in Florence, Gallien caught a small dog as it fell from a fifth-floor balcony Gallien said he had stepped out-

side the building when he heard a woman scream and saw a white, furry object falling toward him. "Somebody hollered and I looked up and just stuck out my

arms and caught it," he said. "I caught it like a football. I was fixing to run for a touchdown with it.' Gallien said he did not know where the dog came from, but he

took it back to the fifth floor and turned it loose in the hall

Suicide rates addressed

AK FAIRBANKS — Auditors are recommending that the Statewide Suicide Prevention Council created in 2001 to address Alaska's high suicide rate should continue its work through 2009 instead of ending its work in June. Alaska's suicide rate consistently ranks as one of the highest in the United States. In 2004, there were more than 150 documented suicides in the state, the highest ever. Stories and photos from wire services

J Horoscope

The moon and sun in earth signs encourage reasonable decisions that lead to greater stability both financially and emotionally Taurus lunar influence **Holiday Mathis** promises that with consistent baby steps we will prevail. The goal is still out of reach, but it is a tangible goal, and it doesn't take much imagination to actually feel what it will be like to

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(January 18). Your theme this year is "living and loving in harmony." People come out of the woodwork to help you at precisely the right moment. In February, you acquire new technolo gy that makes life easier, such as a computer or car. Spring is about mentors. Their lessons will stay with you a long time and also be viable! Lucky love signs are Aquarius and Taurus

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're not feeling particularly social,

so don't even try to fight it. Use the astrological vibes to get in tune with your body. Hit the gym. Put on the Walkman, and vent some of that restless energy on the treadmill

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Emotional support comes in a femi nine package. Reach out to a woman in your family, particularly a grandmother or elderly aunt. She needs your strength as well but may be too proud to admit it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

You're the clown of the zodiac now. juggling several different projects with ease and never letting anyone see the person behind the grease paint. Watch for opportunities to delegate. The perfect person for the iob is there.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A difficult situation concerning a man (probably not a family member or someone with whom you have romantic ties) will arise. The best defense is a good offense. The element of surprise is on your side. Keep him off balance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The timing is right to begin any sort of spiritual practice, such as tai chi, meditation or yoga. Even if you've been practicing a particular discipline for years, you will benefit from

a renewed sense of commitment. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

You are able to convey your

thoughts clearly to those you love. Even if the words aren't right, the emotion says it all. Your willingness to communicate even when vou feel awkward will

create even more love in your life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Gratitude is one of life's greatest blessings. If something irritates you, thank the universe for giving you

this opportunity to better vourself by rising above it. It is impossible to feel sorry for oneself while being grateful.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). As Youi Berra said, "It's déià vu all over again." But this time, a flash of insight into your own behavior could suddenly come to you, steering you in a new direction. Your curiosity is

your best asset.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A friend or colleague is stretching his or her wings, experimenting with finding personal power within the group dynamic. Encourage this person. The karmic payoff for you is huge, even if you can't immediately

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). The gateways to success are always open. If one door seems inaccessible, go around to the next Keep trying until you find the one that yields easily to your touch. You. more than anyone, know the true value of patience.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A co-worker or parent figure may make his or her affections known to

you. If you feel the same, congratulayou've made a love connection! If not, an honest discussion will restore the balance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Snuggle up to your sweetheart. You feel a close emotional bond to your partner, which reassures you you're headed in the right direction. Single fish could find late-night romance at a social gathering near the sea

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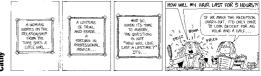


























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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: G equals T

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Love can work second time around

Dear Abby: "Divorced but Still in Love" asked if it was possible for a couple who had been divorced to make a go of marriage the second time around. You replied that it is possible, if the couple is willing (with the help of a marriage counselor) to con-Dear Abby front the issues that broke them up the first

The same thing happened to me and my husband, "John," We were married at 18 and had a child at 21. We were both immature and too young to be married. After our divorce, we still ent time together as a

Two years later, I met and married "George." George and I had a child together, but he was not a good husband or father. Several months after I divorced George, John and I rekindled our relationship. We have been together for almost five years,

married for 31/2 years and are blissfully happy together. John is a wonderful father to both boys and doesn't play favorites. I know it can work the second time around; our marriage is proof of it.

Older and Wiser, Tabor City, N.C. Dear Older and Wiser: Congratulations

to you both Sometimes people fail to appreciate the value of what they have until it's gone. Read on:

Dear Abby: MV husband and I were

married at 19. In first grade, I would kick him in the shins and then run like the

dickens because I "liked" him. My first kiss was from him on my 16th birthday. After four years of separating and getting back together, he said enough is enough and filed for divorce.

Almost a year to the day our

divorce was final, we remarried and have not been sorry. (We had continued to see each other and I became pregnant.) While I don't recommend having a relationship like ours, we have been ing would have been a great get it even after we remarried.

happy with our decision. Counselhelp, but we were too stubborn to Long story short, we have been through a lot over the years even almost divorcing again but we're more in love than ever. With love and faith, we seem to get through it.

- Still in Love, Whittier, Calif. Dear Still in Love: I'm pleased things are working out for the two of you — but the next time you hit a rough patch, please reconsider counseling. It could save you both a lot of wear and

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write Abby on the Internet at

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to form four ordinary words HURTT ©2005 Tribune Media Se All Bights Reserved

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Answer here:

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This can curl your hair at a beauty salon -GOSSIP

Jumbles: PIECE

Answer:

Friend's lies troublesome, illegal

Dear Annie: I am in a sticky situation with a longtime friend, "Joe, and his wife, "June." June is a pathological liar. She tells big ones and small ones, and her lying has caused some conflicts in their marriage, and now in our friendship with Joe.

June recently skipped out on a big bill she accumulated by saying their child needed an organ transplant People in the neighborhood are concerned for the family's welfare, and they are rallying around, putting together fruit baskets and raising money. Of course, their child isn't sick at all and never was

Other than this, Joe and June are great people, and we've had many good times over the years. I don't want June's lying to come between our friendship. Joe has never mentioned his wife's fabrications, and we suspect it hasn't occurred to him that her tall tales get back to us. We hate



seeing him oblivious to what she is doing. We no longer trust her, and it is increasingly uncomfortable to be around her

Do we tell Joe what e know? Should our children still be able to play with theirs? - Concerned Friends

in Illinois Dear Friends: Taking money donated for

her child's "transplant" puts June sauarely in the criminal-fraud division. She can be arrested.

June needs therapy, and soon. If you are certain of your facts, confront June and tell her she needs help. If she refuses, talk to Joe. Yes, it may damage the friendship, but it sounds as if that's going south anyway, and this is too serious to ignore. As for the children, unless they are following in Mom's footsteps. there is no reason they cannot

continue to play with yours.

Dear Annie: I read with

interest the letter from "K B the woman whose dentist and doctor had given up on her problems with temporomandibular joint pain, TMJD is complex, and management includes a comprehensive exam and diagnosis, addressing all possible contribut-ing factors. K.B. should ask her dentist for a referral to a center that specializes in chronic pain or a dental school that does research in TMJD

- Claire E. Collins, D.M.D., University of Colorado School of Dentistry

Dear Dr. Collins: Thank you for your expert advice. For infor mation on TMJ, we recommend The TMJ Association (tmi.org). P.O. Box 26770, Milwaukee, 53226-0770. We heard from hun dreds of readers, many of whom

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Family Circus



"Don't talk, Jeffy. Mommy needs quiet when she's emerging into traffic."

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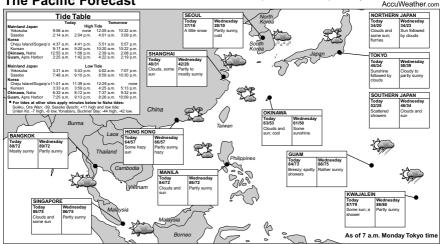
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The Pacific Forecast

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Extended Forecasts

TOKYO

Thursday: Partly sunny, high 46, low 34. Friday: Partly sunny, high 44, low 31.

KADENA

Thursday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 64, low 54. Friday: Periods of clouds and sun, high 64, low 56.

SEOUL

Thursday: Sunny, high 23, low 14. Friday: Mostly sunny, high 28. low 18.

MANILA

Thursday: Partly sunny, high 86, low 73. Friday: Partly sunny, high 86, low 73.

HAGATNA

Thursday: Showers, high 84, low 75. Friday: Showers, high 85. low 75.

Sunday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/I OW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
	55/31		78/51
Albuquerque Amarillo		Los Angeles Little Rock	
	35/18		38/16
Anchorage	24/6	Louisville	28/9
Asheville	48/20	Miami	72/52
Baltimore	35/22	Milwaukee	12/-3
Birmingham	52/20	Nashville	34/12
Bismarck	2/-19	New York	31/24
Boise	39/28	Omaha	14/-4
Boston	30/20	Orlando	59/42
Brownsville	68/42	Philadelphia	35/24
Buffalo	22/10	Phoenix	74/49
Burlington	23/7	Pittsburgh	25/10
Charleston, St	C 51/30	Portland, OR	38/36
Charlotte	49/22	Portland, ME	28/16
Cleveland	20/10	Salt Lake City	43/27
Columbus, OF	23/9	St. Louis	17/4
Duluth	-2/-23	San Antonio	54/26
El Paso	59/31	San Diego	69/52
Hartford	28/18	San Juan	86/71
Helena	17/13	Tampa	61/40
Indianapolis	19/3	Tulsa	30/9
Jacksonville	59/32	Washington	37/24
Kansas City	18/3	Wichita	24/10



U.S. Extended Forecast

Much of the East will be dry and cold Tuesday as high pressure settles over the Carolinas. Snow and flurries will form over the northern Plains and Upper Midwest as warmer air on the backside of the high collides with the colder air in place. The southern Plains and Texas will be sunny and dry, and temperatures will rise well into the 70s across the deserts of the Southwest. Dry weather will continue across California, but morning low clouds and fog will make travel difficult across the central valleys. Rain and mountain snow will fall in the Northwest

Tuesday's Pacific Temperatures

Tuesday's World Temperatures

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CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY H	IIGH/LOW
Bangkok	88/72	lwakuni	47/35	Sasebo NB	49/39	Acapulco	89/73	Budapest	36/26	Kabul	40/13	Nairobi	85/55
Beijing	36/15	Kadena AB	63/53	Sapporo	34/20	Athens	47/37	Buenos Aires	86/66	Kiev	28/16	New Delhi	66/39
Camp Casey	34/14	Kunsan AB	41/23	Seoul	37/16	Auckland	69/52	Cairo	53/35	Kuwait	71/48	Oslo	33/23
Christchurch	62/42	Kwajalein	87/79	Shanghai	48/31	Baghdad	68/39	Cancun	73/59	London	38/32	Paris	35/26
Diego Garcia	87/77	Manila	84/72	Singapore	86/75	Barbados	86/70	Cape Town	86/66	Madrid	55/37	Rio de Janeiro	76/66
Hagatna	84/73	Misawa AB	36/20	Sydney	75/58	Barcelona	54/37	Geneva	38/24	Mexico City	65/40	Rome	49/35
Hanoi	72/59	Osan	37/13	Taegu	43/26	Berlin	39/26	Istanbul	46/37	Montreal	-1/-2	St. Petersburg	28/16
Hong Kong	64/57	Perth	86/63	Taipei	63/52	Bermuda	60/45	Jerusalem	54/41	Mogadishu	92/75	Stockholm	38/28
Honolulu	81/67	Pusan	44/31	Tokyo	46/34	Brussels	35/26	Johannesbur	75/55	Moscow	25/17	Warsaw	39/24



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Ace helps Maruyama retain Sony lead

BY DOUG FERGUSON The Associated Press

HONOLULU — Shigeki Maruyama didn't panic when he made a double bogey on the first hole and quickly lost his one-shot lead in the Sony Open. He simply figured he would get it back with a couple of hirdies.

or dirdies.
Turns out it only took one swing.

Maruyama made a hole-in-one on the 202-yard fourth hole, part of a wild day at windy Wailade Country Club that kept his large contingent of Japanese fans thoroughly entertained until his 40-foot eagle putt on the 18th hole Saturday stopped on the edge of the cup.

The tap-in birdie gave him a 68, and left him in the same place he started — with a one-shot lead.

"It was a really bad start," Maruyama said. "I tried to think positive things. Fortunately, I had a hole-in-one. That really saved my game. I could think positive after that"

He was at 10-under 200, with plenty of work left.

Brett Quigley saved par after driving into the TV compound and shot a 68, leaving him one shot behind with a great chance to end his 0-220 streak on the PGA

Not many are better prepared. Quigley spent the last month playing golf with his family — including uncle Dana Quigley on the Champions Tour, which means he played every day. He's trying to treat the first full-field event of the year as one of those marathon golf sessions with his uncle.

"We all have a tendency out here [to think], 'Oh my gosh, it's a PGA Tour event. You have to play perfect.' In reality, it's not even close to that," Quigley said. "I haven't attached any meaning to anything. And that's when I play well."

Paul Azinger, the 2000 Sony Open champion, worked his low, penetrating ball flight to perfection in the wind. He was among four players who had a share of the lead at one point, finished with nine straight pars and had a 67 to finish two

shots behind.
"If it's my time to do it, I'll do it," Az-

inger said. "I haven't gotten ahead of my self yet."

Among those in the large crowd following Maruyama was Isao Aoki, inducted last year into the World Golf Hall of Fame and the last Japanese player to win the Sony Open. Maruyama was 14 when he watched Aoki hole a wedge for eagle on the last hole

to beat Jack Renner by one.
"I saw him," Maruyama said. "It gives

me great pressure."

He could also get that looking behind him on the leaderboard.

Among the seven players within five shots of the lead was Vijay Singh, the No. 1 player in the world, who quietly surged into contention with a 67.

Singh might have been closer except for taking two shots to get out of a bunker on No. 16, courtesy of a plugged lie, and missing a 6-foot birdie on the last

For most of the contenders, the first full-field event of the year is ripe with op-

portunity.

■ Quigley is the only player among the top seven who has never won.

■ Azinger finished No. 126 on the money list last year and does not have full status for the first time since he won Q-school 20 years ago.

Former Masters champion Larry Mize also has no status. He got a sponsor's exemption to the Sony Open, shot a 64 on Saturday and was at 7-under 203, along with Robert Gamez (68).

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Charles Howell III also shot a 64 and was another shot behind.

Ernie Els took himself out of contention for a record third straight victory at the Sony Open. He had to rally on the back nine for an even-par 70, leaving him eight shots behind.

Otherwise, the Sony Open got back to normal — all 78 players who made the cut are men, all have driver's licenses. Fifteen-year-old Michelle Wie showed

up at Waialae, but only to do a television interview with a Japanese network. "We're on our way to the mall." father

"We're on our way to the mall," father B.J. Wie said. "She's meeting friends to go shopping."

The electricity came from Maruyama, who had a large following and kept them in suspense all day.



Shigeki Maruyama celebrates his hole-in-one on the fourth tee during the third round of the Sony Open. Maruyama held a one-stroke lead heading into the final day.

Quigley looked as though he might drop out of the pack. He drove into the trees on No. 3 and had to scramble for bogey, then missed a 3-foot birdie putt on the next hole. But he kept it together.

He surged into the lead with three

straight birdies, all inside 10 feet. Then after dropping a shot on the 15th by missing the green, he drove into the TV compound on No. 16 and saved par with a tough 12-footer to easily keep in range of his first PGA Tour victory.

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LOS ANGELES LAKERS—Placed G Kobe Bryant on the injured list. Activated G Tony Bobant on the injured list.

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COLLEGE

MINNESOTA—Announced RB Marion Barber III will forego his senior season and make himself available for the NFL Draft.

Miller, Kildow have tough day on slopes

WENGEN, Switzerland Alois Vogl tamed the toughest slalom course on the circuit Sunday for his first World Cup victory and the first in the event by a German man in 14 years.

Overall World Cup leader Bode Miller skied out in the second leg on the famed Lauberhorn hill. The American earned just 60 points in three races this week end by finishing third in Saturday's downhill.

For a while, it appeared Italy's Giorgio Rocca had won, but a video replay showed he straddled a gate midway down and he was squalified. Finnish slalom spe cialist Kalle Palander, like Miller, skied out in the second leg.

Miller has completed only one of five slalom races this season, when he won in Sestriere. Italy last month. He also failed to finish the slalom leg of Friday's super-combined

Miller still tops the overall rank ings with 1,048 points, but Raich has improved to 850. Michael Walchhofer the winner of the Saturday's downhill, is third at 641.

Dorfmeister ends Goetschl's downhill streak

CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, Italy Michaela Dorfmeister won a World Cup downhill Sunday, de nying Austrian teammate Renate Goetschl a fourth consecutive vic-

tory on the course. Goetschl finished second, still good enough for her to take the lead in the overall World Cup standings from Croatia's Janica

Koetalic "It's tough to compete against Renate, she's in such great form, Dorfmeister said after her 19th career victory. "But today I had almost a strange sensation in the starting hut. I wasn't as nervous as usual and I was able to ski the

exact line I wanted." Dorfmeister was timed in 1 minute, 36.62 seconds on the Olympia delle Tofane course. 0.59 ahead of Goetschl. Germany's Hilde Gerg was third, 0.78 be-

Kostelic was fourth and defending overall champion Anja Paerson of Sweden fifth for her best downhill result since she began competing in the event last sea-

Lindsey Kildow, 20-year-old American who was the top challenger to Goetschl in the week's previous three races, made a big error on the top part of the course after posting faster times than Dorfmeister at each of the first two checkpoints. She finished 18th for her worst downhill result this season.

The top two Americans were Julia Mancuso in eighth place and Kirsten Clark in 10th.

Agassi to play Australian despite ailing hip

MELBOURNE. Australia Andre Agassi is set to play in the Australian Open despite a hip in jury that forced him to guit an exhibition match leading up to the year's first Grand Slam tourna-

Sports briefs

Agassi, a four-time winner of the Australian Open, said the small tear in a tendon in his right hip didn't trouble him too much He lost in three sets to Tim Henman on Saturday and is a "100 percent starter" for the Austra-lian Open, which begins Monday.

The 34-year-old Agassi hurt the hip Thursday during a match against Andy Roddick, putting his status in doubt. After losing to Henman on Saturday, he still wasn't a certainty, but changed his mind Sunday.

"I'll be out there giving it every-thing I've got," Agassi said. Agassi, seeded eighth, won the

Australian Open in 1995, 2000, 2001 and 2003 and was a semifinalist last year.

Wizards guard Hughes out 4-6 weeks with broken thumb

WASHINGTON - Wizards guard Larry Hughes will miss four to six weeks with a broken right thumb, a huge loss for one of the NBA's most surprising teams. Hughes fractured his thumb

during Saturday night's victory over the Phoenix Suns.

In his seventh season, Hughes is second on the team and 18th in the league in scoring, averaging 21.2 points per game. He leads the league in steals (2.82) and is averaging 6.1 rebounds and 5.3 assists in 34 games.

The Wizards at 22-13 are off to their best start since the 1978-79 season. They have won seven straight

LeFors leads East to Shrine win

SAN FRANCISCO - Stefan Le-Fors threw two of his three touchdown passes to Louisville teammate J.R. Russell, and Purdue's Taylor Stubblefield also caught two scoring passes Saturday in the East's 45-27 victory over the West in the 80th edition of the Shrine Game.

Purdue's Kyle Orton passed for 145 yards in the first quarter — 103 to Stubblefield on plays called by Boilermakers coach Joe Tiller, who helped to make all of the East stars look awfully good for the dozens of NFL scouts in attendance.

LeFors was named the offensive MVP, going 10-for-17 for 165 yards and tying the Shrine Game record for touchdown passes in just one quarter of work.

Keller signs with German team MOENCHENGLADBACH.

Germany — U.S. goalkeeper Kasey Keller left Tottenham of the English Premier League to join a German team.

The 35-year-old American signed a 1½-year contract with Borussia Moenchengladbach in Germany's top league and will join the team immediately, his new club said. No transfer fee was involved.

Keller, who has played 75 games for the U.S. national team, was the No. 1 goalie at Tottenham last season but this year lost his job to Paul Robinson.

Kwan ties record with 9th U.S. title

By NANCY ARMOUR The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. - Michelle Kwan tossed her head back and raised her arms in triumph, a smile as bright as her golden dress spread across her face. She had fretted about being able to win even one title when she was barely a teen. Now 24, she has a remarkable nine, her place in history secure with a run at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships as im

pressive for its longevity as its dominance. "It's incredible. Nine!" said Kwan, whose latest crown came Saturday night, tying Maribel Vinson for the all-time record. "I just remember trying to win my first one. To get my ninth . . I have no answer for that because I never thought I'd get here." Now it seems hard to imagine nationals without

her at the top of the podium Kwan earned four more 6.0s, giving her 42 at na-

tionals in the illustrious career that began more than a decade ago when she was too young to wear makeup. Now she's as dominant as ever, with no one in the United States close to challenging her.

Certainly not Sasha Cohen, who again failed to come through when it matters most. Cohen finished second after botching two jumps and was lucky to finish ahead of up-and-comer Kimmie Meissner. who made a bit of history herself with the first triple axel by a U.S. woman since Tonya Harding in 1991

Meissner had been doing the axel in practice all week and landed a perfect one in warmuns, drawing loud applause. When it came time to do the jump for e almost seemed to be in slow motion as she took off and then turned 31/2 times in the air. A huge smile crossed her face as she lightly touched down. and the crowd roared, knowing they'd just seen something special.

Earlier, Johnny Weir won his second straight men's title. Olympic bronze medalist Tim Goebel was second.

Vinson won nine titles in the 1920s and 1930s, a mark that once seemed untouchable. Gretchen Mer. rill. Tenley Albright and Peggy Fleming — they all won multiple titles, but none came close to Vinson.

But it's somehow fitting that Kwan was the one to finally reach the pinnacle. Her former coach, Frank trained with Vinson, and Carroll would often tell Kwan stories about Vinson and the lessons she'd taught him.



Michelle Kwan won her ninth U.S. Figure Skating Championships title, tving Marihel Vinson's record.

"There's a cosmic connection between me and Maribel," Kwan said. "She taught Frank and Frank taught me. To be with her is something.

Her performance Saturday night may not have heen Kwan's hest - she was a little tentative and slower than she's been in practice, and she only did five triples. But it was more than worthy of the record books

Skating to "Bolero," with a program choreographed by none other than Christopher Dean, Kwan was the picture of grace, perfectly in sync with the music

She picked up speed with every jump she did. until she was dancing down the ice on her final footwork. The fans cheered so loudly they drowned out the end of her music, jumping to their feet when she finished. Kwan pumped her fist, shook her head and clapped her hands as if to say, "I did it."

When she saw her 6.0s she beamed. Kwan got seven 60s this week the last major comnetition where the century-old scoring mark will be used. The International Skating Union has already gone to a points-based system, and U.S. Figure Skating plans to follow suit.

"Sweet!" Kwan said, referring to her 6.0s. "I'm going to be sad when the 6.0 system goes away The title was Kwan's eighth straight, extending

her own record. She's also a five-time world champion, and has silver and bronze medals from the Olympics. The only

hole in her impressive résumé is Olympic gold, but the 2006 Games are only a year away Cohen has yet to win a major title — U.S., world or Olympic — and she won't ever get one if she keeps skating like this. She crashed hard on a triple lutz and had to put a hand down on the ice to keep from

falling on her triple loop. "I'm disappointed not to nail all the jumps, like I've been doing in practice," Cohen said. "It's not in my overall plan not to skate perfectly."

McGrady's late lift enough for Rockets

HOUSTON - Tracy McGrady scored 28 points and came up with a handful of clutch plays in the Houston Rockets' 73-67 victory over the San Antonio Spurs on Saturday night.

McGrady sparked the Rockets' strong finish by converting a

NRA roundup

three-point play, making a couple . throws are an finding alone behind

the arc for a three-pointer that gave Houston a 64-57 lead with 2:49 to go.

nailed clinching He a three-pointer of his own with 34.6 seconds left, putting Houston ahead 69-61. McGrady let his right hand linger in the air a little onger than usual and smiled as the crowd cheered

Yao Ming added 13 points and Dikembe Mutombo came off the bench for 15 rebounds, helping the Rockets win a season-high fourth straight game and move three games above .500 (20-17) for the first time this season.

They also won consecutive ames against San Antonio for the first time since 1997 Tony Parker led the Spurs with 21 points and six assists, while

Tim Duncan had 18 points and 12 rehounds The Spurs were held to a sea son-low point total, going only

24-for-68 (35 percent) from the floor, including 2-for-16 (13 percent) from three-point range. San Antonio's offensive woes

certainly weren't helped by the injury of guard Manu Ginobili, who left in the third quarter after bruising his right quadriceps and didn't return. He played only one minute after halftime, then was taken out. Ginobili finished with six points, three rebounds and

Lakers 104, Warriors 102: Lamar Odom made a driving a layup with 1.3 seconds left, and the Lakers won their first game of the season without Kobe Bryant in Oakland

Odom had 27 points and 12 rebounds, and he drew a charge from Adonal Foyle with 12.6 seconds left to set up his final shot. Odom then got the ball at the top of the key, drove past Cliff Robin-son and made a hanging layup to lift the Lakers to their fourth vic-

tory in five games Chucky Atkins added 20 points for Los Angeles, which placed Bryant on the injured list before the game with a sprained ankle He's expected to miss about three

weeks. Derek Fisher had a career-high 29 points against his former teammates. Speedy Claxton had 15, but missed a long jumper at the

Timberwolves 92, Trail Blazers 84: In Minneapolis, Latrell Sprewell scored 25 points, including a pair of key three-pointers in the fourth quarter, to lead Minne-

Kevin Garnett had 17 points and 10 rebounds, and Eddie Grif-

bounds for the Timberwolves. The Timberwolves also took advantage of a thinned Portland front-line to gain the edge in the rebounding battle 44-32. Missing frontcourt players Zach Randol-ph, Shareef Abdur-Rahim and Darius Miles due to injury, Portland went to a four-guard lineup through much of the second half

Pistons 99. 76ers 95: Tavshaun Prince's short jumper with 24.5 seconds left put host Detroit ahead and his two free throws sealed the Pistons' fifth straight victory.

Richard Hamilton scored 25 points for the Pistons, who have won 12 of 16 since falling to .500 on Dec. 11.

Allen Iverson had 28 points and 13 assists, tying a season high, for the 76ers.

Prince scored 19 points, Ben Wallace had 14 points and 12 re-bounds and Billups added 12

points and nine assists. Kenny Thomas added 16 points and 12 rebounds for Philadelphia.

Magic 85. Pacers 84: In Indianapolis, Hedo Turkoglu had 23 points and Grant Hill added 19 points and eight rebounds as Or lando held off a furious finish by

Reggie Miller missed a chance to tie the game from the foul line with 3.3 seconds left and Jamaal Tinsley's desperation heave from halfcourt banked in, but it was ruled he shot after the buzzer.

Jermaine O'Neal had 38 points and 15 rebounds to lead Indiana which had a two-game winning streak snapped.

Kings 99, Clippers 95: In Sac-ramento, Calif., Chris Webber had a season-high 36 points and 10 rebounds to lead Sacramento. Peia Stojakovic made four three-pointers and had 24 points, and Cuttino Mobley scored 13

points in his Kings debut. Mavericks 98, Nets 93: Dirk Nowitzki scored 26 points, including 16 in the second half after having X-rays on his left ankle, to

lead Dallas at home. Jason Kidd had 10 points 11 assists and 10 rebounds for New Jersev, the 61st career triple-double for the NBA's active leader

Hawks 103, Bobcats 95: In Atlanta, Al Harrington scored 22 noints and Antoine Walker added 21 points and 11 rebounds to help the Hawks beat expansion

The Hawks led 88-65 with 8:51 left to play, but had to survive a late scare as the Bobcats cut the lead to single digits in the final minute

Grizzlies 101, Bucks 82: Jason Williams had 25 points and eight assists, and the Grizzlies team-record three-pointers to beat the Bucks in Memphis

Cavaliers 84, Jazz 71: LeBron James scored 10 of his 27 points in the fourth quarter and the visiting Cavaliers rallied from a 19-point deficit to beat the Jazz.

The Cavaliers held former

teammate Carlos Boozer to just three points in the second half.

Bosh, Raptors hold off Hornets down stretch

TORONTO - Chris Bosh had 24 points, 10 rebounds and two key blocks down the stretch, leading the Toronto Raptors past the New Orleans Hornets 102-99 on Sunday.

New Orleans point guard Baron Davis left late in the third quarter with a bruised right ankle and did not return.

Lee Nailon scored a ca-reer-high 32 points for the Hornets but missed two shots and

had two blocked by Bosh in the final three minutes.

Morris Peterson had 25 points and 10 rehounds for Rantors, who are 7-7 since trading Vince Carter to New Jersey on Dec 17. Jalen Rose added 19 points off the hench and Rosh finished with his

Nailon attempted a driving layup with less than two minutes left, but Bosh blocked it and Rose ran down the floor and made a

seventh straight double-double. fast-break layup to cut New Orleans' lead to one

Rafer Alston's two free throws with 1:15 left gave Toronto its first lead since the second quar-

Nailon then appeared open for a short jumper, but Bosh blocked his attempt with less than a minute left. Alston followed with a driving layup, giving Toronto a 98-95 lead with 13 seconds left.

P.J. Brown made one of two free throws to cut the lead to two with 11 seconds remaining, but Rose made two to make it 100-96.



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left, hit the court as they go for the ball during the first quarter.

Streaking Wizards rally past Phoenix

By JOSEPH WHITE The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Juan Dixon jumped, clenched his fists and let out a yell amid the roar of the fans as he ran downcourt. It was a fitting way to celebrate a spectacular layup during Washington's 16-0 fourth-quarter run against the NBA's top team.

Dixon scored 13 of his 26 points including driving change-hands-in-midair layup in traffic - in the final period, help ing the Wizards to their seventh straight win, a 108-103 victory that sent the Phoenix Suns to their first three-game losing

streak of the season "Emotion, man. Getting an op-portunity," said the former University of Maryland star, explaining his series of emotional releases that including a pose to admire

a three-nointer.

"There's times when you're on the bench the whole game, you urge your teammates on, but you're not really a part of it because you're not out there contributing," he said. "Me, getting an opportunity to play and be a part of it, it's a lot of fun. I'm enjoying it right now."

The Wizards, off to their best start since 1978-79, made up a 10-point second-half deficit and won for the eighth time this sea son when trailing at the start of the fourth quarter. They usually make it thrilling — they won on a buzzer-beater by Larry Hughes at Milwaukee the night before but they're winning.

"I know they're probably aging watching us play," said point guard Gilbert Arenas, referring to the team's fans. "But it's exciting basketball."

Arenas scored 26 points, Hughes had 22 points and 13 rebounds, and Antawn Jamison added 17 points and seven rebounds. One potential setback: Hughes jammed his right thumb in the fourth quarter and will be reevaluated Sunday.

But it was reserve guard Dixon who was the late sparkplug for the second straight night. He scored 11 of his 13 points in the fourth quarter Friday night against the Bucks and was 10-for-13 from the field against the Suns and became the first Wizards player other than Arenas, Jamison or Hughes to lead or tie for the team lead in scoring this season.

"I'm just going to play my role," Dixon said. "Those three guys have been carrying us the whole year, and it's up to us to come off the bench and be produc-

Steve Nash, the NBA's assists leader, sat out after bruising his thigh in Phoenix's loss to Indiana the previous night. His replacement. Leandro Barbosa, opened 1-for-8 in his first start of the season. Barbosa finished with 15 points and no assists, and the Suns' 13 team assists were a season-low for the third straight

"We don't have Steve Nash. It's a completely different story out there when you've got your court leader," said Quentin Richardson, who scored 25 points. "But at the same time, we were still in position to win the game. We just had a had stretch and that was tough."

Amare Stoudemire scored 26 points for the Suns, 15 after being fired up by a taunting foul on Hughes late in the final seconds of the first half. But most of those points came from the free-throw 3-for-12 from the field in the sec-Stoudemire was just ond half.

Shawn Marion added 14 points and 15 rebounds for the Suns, who are 0-3 on their East Coast road trip. Phoenix got no points from its bench.

Both teams' fatigue from play ing the night before showed in 18 combined first-half turnovers, with neither team leading by more than nine

Stoudamire saves No. 17 Arizona

BY BOB BAUM

The Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. - Salim Stoudamire felt himself going into one of his infamous mental funks against UCLA, but talked himself out of it. What followed was one of the greatest shooting performance of the college basketball season.

Stoudamire capped a 24-point second half with a three-pointer with 2.5 seconds left to give No. 17 Arizona a 76-73 victory over UCLA on Saturday, snapping the Bruins' four-game Pac-10 winning streak.

"I was upset in the first half and it affected my game," Stoudamire said. "In the beginning of the second half, the coach took me out. I sat and thought about many instances where this had happened. ... I just told myself, 'You've got to pick it up from this point.' And I did."

The left-handed senior, who entered the game as the No. 2 three-point shooter in the country at 56.2 percent, finished with 32 points. He scored 24 of the Wildcats' final 29 points.

"He is the best shooter in the country. hands down," Arizona coach Lute Olson said. "They talk about the guy at Duke [J.J. Redick], but I will put Salim up against him anytime

Stoudamire, who scored 34 points the last time he played UCLA, is the cousin of Damon Stoudamire, who set a franchise record with 54 points for the Portland Trail Blazers on Friday night.

"I watched the game, actually," Stoudamire said. "That definitely inspired

After Stoudamire's three-pointer from the top of the key put the Wildcats up, Arizona's Hassan Adams stole a UCLA pass and was fouled. Arizona was called for a technical foul, though, when two players rushed the court in celebration with 1.2 sec-

"We have to work on telling our fresh. men to not go on the floor until the game is over," Olson said.

However, Jordan Farmar of UCLA missed both free throws, then Adams missed his two, and the game ended before the Bruins could get off another shot.

Stoudamire was 9-for-11 from the field in the second half, most of the shots mid-range jumpers, and was 11-for-16 for the game. He also made all six of his free

Channing Frve added 15 points for the Wildcats (14-3, 4-1), all in the first half. Ivan Radenovic scored eight points and grabbed a career-high 14 rebounds for Ari-

Dijon Thompson led UCLA with 27 points on 10-for-16 shooting and had 10 rebounds. Farmar added 15 points and Arron Afflalo had 13 for the Bruins (10-4, 4-2), who shot 61 percent (17-for-28) in the first half but just 27 percent (8-for-30) in the sec-

"They stepped up their intensity, and we just missed shots," Farmar said. "We had a lot of good looks that we missed, but a lot of credit to them, they played hard in the second half.

The Bruins committed 23 turnovers in

losing at McKale Center for the eighth consecutive season.

"Stoudamire was so hot they were just playing to him." UCLA coach Ben Howland said, "getting him shots and he was making them. He was very, very good.

Stoudamire scored 17 of his team's 18 points in a 91/2-minute stretch in the second half, while the Bruins went 9:16 without a field goal, missing 11 consecutive shots

He scored the first 12 points in a 15-3 run that put Arizona up 68-61 on Adams steal and three-point play with 4:04 to go.

Frye's goaltending on Thompson's short jumper ended UCLA's field goal drought and triggered a 7-0 spurt that tied it at 68 when Thompson made two free throws with 1:38 to go. Stoudamire sank two free throws to give Arizona a 70-68 lead with 1:28 left, and two more with 50 seconds remaining to put the Wildcats ahead 72-68.

Mustafa Shakur made one of two free throws to make it 73-68 with 40 seconds

But Thompson made a 10-footer, then Adams threw the ball away against UC-LA's press and Afflalo hit a three-pointer from the corner to tie it at 73 with 16 seconds to play.

Stoudamire calmly dribbled the ball up court, then let fly far beyond the three-point line for the game-winner.

Freshman Arron Afflalo acknowledged he gave Stoudamire too much room. But Afflalo had seen Stoudamire dribble past him for pull-up jumpers, and get fouled going



Arizona's Salim Stoudamire center is grabbed and congratulated by his teammates Channing Fyre (45) and Mustrafa Shakur (15) for making a three-pointer in the closing moments to beat UCLA.

'I just didn't want to foul," Afflalo said 'He was about 30-plus feet out. I figured he would at least, with 6 seconds left, nenetrate and maybe pull up then. I didn't think he would walk and shoot from the volleyhall line or wherever he shot it from.

UCLA led most of the game but never by more than eight points.

Wisconsin upsets No. 15 Spartans to extend streak

The Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. - Kam Taylor scored the go-ahead basket with 37.3 seconds left and Wisconsin ran off the final 11 points to beat No. 15 Michigan State 62-59 Sunday, extending the longest home winning streak in Division I

Top 25 roundup to 38 games. Bad. The gers (12-3, 3-1 Big Ten) trailed by eight points

with less than 2 minutes left, and Taylor's basket in the lane gave them a 60-59 lead. Zach Morley added two free throws with 9.3 seconds to go, and Michigan State's Shannon Brown missed a three-pointer in the closing seconds.

Clayton Hanson scored 15

points and Sharif Chambliss added 14 to help Wisconsin coach Bo Rvan improve to 6-0 against Michigan State coach Tom Izzo Mike Wilkinson added 12 for the Badgers, including four in the closing run.

Paul Davis scored 20 points to lead the Spartans (10-3, 2-1), who used a 9-0 run to take a 59-51 lead with 2:49 left. But Chambliss hit a three-pointer and Wilkinson followed with four free throws to help the Badgers pull within 59-58 with 1:14 left.

After Michigan State failed to extend its lead, Taylor hit his runner to give Wisconsin the lead for good. Brown got a good look at the basket with time winding down, but his three-point attempt circled the rim before missing as

the buzzer sounded Wisconsin is 26-0 in Big Ten home games under Ryan. The Badgers haven't lost to Michigan State since Feb. 27, 2001, when the Spartans won 51-47 at the Kohl Center. Four of the games during the Badgers' six-game winning streak over the Snartans have been decided by four points

or less. The Badgers haven't lost at Kohl Center since Dec. 4, 2002, when Wake Forest beat them

No. 13 Boston College 73, West Virginia 53: Jared Dudley scored 21 points, Craig Smith added 20 and Boston College got

its eighth straight road win. The Eagles (14-0, 3-0 Big East), one of four unbeaten teams in Division I-A, extended the best start

in school history and won their first three conference games for the first time under eighth-year coach Al Skinner. Jermaine Watson came off the

bench to add 13 points for Boston College. The Eagles, No. 1 Illinois, No. 3 Kansas and No. 5 Duke are the only undefeated teams in Division I-A.

Mike Gansey scored 14 points and Tyrone Sally had 13 for West Virginia (11-3, 1-2), which has lost three of four games after starting the season 10-0.

In each loss, the Mountaineers were held below 21 percent from beyond the three-point line. They were just 3-for-23 on three-point attempts Sunday.

BC's 14-game winning streak is the school's longest since a 19-game run during the 1968-69

In Saturday's games:

No. 1 Illinois 78, Northwestern 66: At Evanston, Ill., Luther Head scored a season-high 26 points and the Illini improved to 18-0 — the best start in school his-

Roger Powell scored 15 points and Dee Brown had 12 for Illinois, which is 4-0 in the conference and has won 14 straight Big Ten games.

Leading scorer Vedran Vukusic, held to just two free throws in the first half, led Northwestern with 20 points, while Davor Duvancic added 13. The Wildcats (8-8, 1-3) shot 57 percent from the

No. 2 Kansas 76, Colorado 61: Wayne Simien had 23 points and 17 rebounds and Keith Langford added 14 points, including a handful of big shots, to keep the

visiting Jayhawks unbeaten. Playing with a soft cast on his

broken left thumb, Simien was a force underneath, and his solid play helped the Jayhawks (13-0. 3-0 Big 12) to a 17-point lead in the first half.

Chris Copeland had 22 points and 11 rebounds for the Buffaloes (8-6, 0-3), who had chances to tie in the second half but lost for the 31st time in the last 32 games of this series.

No. 14 Washington 108, Oregon St. 68: At Seattle, Tre Simmons matched a career high with 26 points, going 6-of-7 from three-point range, and Jamaal Williams added a career-high 24 points for Washington.

Beavers coach Jay John left the arena in an ambulance at halftime after complaining of chest pains and shortness of breath.

The 46-year-old coach was examined by an on-site doctor be-fore paramedics were called.

No. 16 Gonzaga 86, Pepp dine 62: At Spokane, Adam Morrison scored 26 points, and Ronny Turiaf added 19 points and 10 rebounds, his fifth double-double of the season, for Gonzaga.

Gonzaga (13-3, 3-1 WCC) has won six in a row against Pepperdine. Glen McGowan scored 15 points for Pepperdine (12-7, 2-2).

No. 22 Marquette 66, South Florida 64: Todd Townsend's three-point play with 5 seconds to play lifted host Marquette

Travis Diener led Marquette (14-2, 2-1 Conference USA) with 24 points, and Townsend finished with 10. Terrance Leather led USF (8-6, 1-2) with 25 points.



Time's not up yet for Big Ben

Rookie Roethlisberger leading Steelers to AFC title game

BY ALAN ROBINSON The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH - Ben Roethlisberger made enough mistakes to fill a blooper show, and perhaps even stirred doubts among Steelers veterans who have believed in him so strongly all season.

Just when the imperfect-but-unbeaten rookie seemed to have run out of ways and big plays to keep his winning streak going, he somehow got the Steelers to another

Unlike Jets kicker Doug Brien, whose twin misses doomed New York on Saturday, Roethlisberger plans to make something of his second chance

"It wasn't me out there," Roethlisberger said after the Steelers beat the Jets 20-17 in overtime and advanced to next Sunday's AFC championship game. "It was tough going, and I did everything I could to lose the game.

Not that Roethlisberger knows much about losing. He is 14-0 in the NFL and has won 27 in a row dating to last season at Miami of Ohio, though he admittedly was more lucky than good.

"This was terrible," he said

Bill Cowher didn't totally disagree with

that assessment, though the Steelers coach said, "Ben is unflappable. He does display a calmness. ... You still have a sense that he's going to get it done."

Now Roethlisberger will try to become the first rookie quarterback to lead his team to the Super Bowl - the Steelers will host the AFC title game for the fifth time in 11 seasons. They have won their last seven wild-card or divisional home playoff games, but are 1-3 in AFC championship games under Cowher, losing to San Diego (1994 season), Denver (1997) and New England (2001)

Roethlisberger made the kind of errors a rookie quarterback is supposed to make in the playoffs, an interception that was re turned for a touchdown and another that led to the second of Brien's two missed field goals in the final 2 minutes of the fourth quarter.

Still, despite breakdowns that probably should have halted the Steelers' magical season and a winning streak that has reached 15 games, Roethlisberger led late scoring drives that ended with his game-tying shovel pass touchdown to Hines Ward and Jeff Reed's decisive 33-yard field goal in overtime.

Roethlisberger denied his right hand is

hurting, though he looked to be shaking it in pain during warmups and again wore a glove to cover it. But his denial almost seemed to be a confirmation something is wrong: "I am not going to use any excuses. It's fine."
Even if his play wasn't. Roethlisberger

was 17-for-30 for 181 yards and a 57.8 pass er rating in the Steelers' first overtime playoff win since they upset Houston 26-23 on Dec. 31, 1989. Even if it was mostly Brien who kept the

Steelers in it. Brien missed a 47-yarder with 1:58 left in the fourth quarter and then a 43-yarder on the final play of regulation, both into the wind at the closed end of the

Heinz Field's unstable turf and shifting crosswinds have perplexed kickers since the stadium's opening in 2001. But, until Saturday, opposing kickers were 11-for-12 including Brien's 2-for-2 on

Dec. 12, both from beyond 40 yards.
"I don't feel bad for him because I wanted to win the game, but I feel bad for him as a kicker," Reed said.

The Steelers seemed headed for a divisional-round loss remarkably similar to their 34-31 overtime defeat at Tennessee two seasons ago. Then, the Titans' Joe Ned-



Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger scrambles in the second half of an AFC divisional playoff game against the New York Jets on Saturday in Pittsburgh. The Steelers won 20-17 in overtime.

ney missed a 31-yarder but, given a second chance when Dewayne Washington was flagged for running into the kicker, hit the game-winning 26-varder. Reed came away with the football he

kicked to end the game. He packed it se-curely in his duffel bag — coincidentally or not, right beside his Bible. "It definitely tests your faith," running back Duce Staley said.

Brien blows chance at game-winner — twice

BY ANDREA ADELSON The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH - Two minutes, two misses. And now no more chances for the New York

Doug Brien lined up for his second shot at winning the game against the Pittsburgh Steelers on the last play of regulation. The 43-yarder launched off his foot, and Brien immediately knew something was terribly wrong. He kicked the ball so hard, it started curving, curving, curving until it sailed wide left.

Just before that, Brien bounced a 47-yard try off the crossbar that would have given the Jets the late lead Instead, the Steelers got the per-

fect opportunity to steal a game emed destined to lose. Jeff Reed kicked a 33-yard field goal in overtime to win it 20-17 Saturday, and the Cardiac Jets trudged off the field. Heartbroken Kind of like what the Jets did to

the Chargers last week in the wild-card round, when Brien was the hero after making a 28-yarder to win it

"I just feel bad for the team, said Brien, his eyes tearing up while teammates dressed silently around him. "I'll be fine. I just feel bad for the guys that played so well, played so hard and came up short

The Jets, who went into the fourth quarter with a seven-point lead, blew that when Hines Ward scored on a shovel pass from Ben Roethlisberger. Then Brien missed his field goals to give the Steelers new life and make the Jets the first NFL team to play three straight overtime games.

Brien, his sentences clipped,

said he tried to hit his second attempt harder because the first one came up short. Everyone on the team, from coach Herman Edwards to Chad Pennington, thought the second kick would win it, prolonging their roller-coaster season.

"There was no doubt in my receiver Santana Moss said. "It was so close I could almost taste it. I feel had. When we lined up for the field goal. I thought it was over. But it's over now I guess

After Brien missed his kicks, the Jets seemed to deflate. They got the ball first in overtime, but failed to get a first down after moving to their own 41. Pittsburgh pounced on the chance, driving down the field in nearly flawless fashion.

"It's disappointing," Jets guard Pete Kendall said. "It was there for us to take. If something breaks one way or the other, then we're in here under much better circumstances

It was a valiant effort for a team everyone wrote off when the playoffs started. The Jets entered the postseason having lost three of four. Traveling to San Diego? Many penciled in a Charg-ers victory. It nearly was.

The Jets were not as lucky this time around

Few gave the Jets any chance this week against the team with the best record in the league. Then Pennington missed practice Wednesday with a stomach virus. And Pro Bowl defensive end John Abraham missed his sixth straight game.

Things started to look very bad. But Edwards rallied his troops as he always does. He just needed more from his offense in what is



New York Jets kicker Doug Brien attempts the winning field goal as time expired in regulation against the Pittsburgh Steelers.

almost sure to be the final game from coordinator Paul Hackett, scrutinized all season for his vanilla play calling. The Jets failed to score an offensive touchdown and managed just 275 yards, their lowest output since getting 235 in a win over Cleveland on Nov. 21, when Quincy Carter was start-

ing for Pennington. And when they got into field-goal range, the Jets went conservative. Perhaps that cost them, because a few more yards could have made the difference for Brien.

"We had a chance to win, but as the quarterback, I'd like to get him closer to make it a little bit easier," Pennington said. "I wish we would have done that."

No matter what they tried, the Jets couldn't do enough on a day when the defense got three turn overs and Moss returned a punt for a touchdown.

With that, a season that started 5-0 ended in heartbreak, the way long-suffering Jets fans have

NFL scoreboard

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Sunday Eagles 27, Vikings 14

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Missed field goals—None.

Eagles: Philadelphia looks far from rusty

EAGLES. FROM BACK PAGE

The Eagles (14-3) were in synch even though most starters barely played for nearly a month, and they didn't lack for big-play offense or defense.

"I guess we weren't too rusty," Donovan McNabb said after going 21-for-33 for 286 yards. The Eagles got plenty of help

from the Vikings (9-9), who showed exactly how they lost seven of their last 10 regular-season games to back into the play-offs. Minnesota's high-powered offense couldn't handle defensive end Jevon Kearse and Trotter. The inept Vikings didn't exact-

ly provide a test, but Michael Vick and the Falcons should be a more formidable hurdle.

"Mistakes, penalties at the wrong time, taking some points off the board, stopping a drive, said Vikings coach Mike Tice, rattling off Minnesota's miscues. "We made some mistakes when we had a little bit of rhythm going. We didn't finish anything. While Philadelphia was getting two touchdowns from Mitchell —

and one takeoff of Randy Moss' simulated mooning as Mitchell pretended to pull up his pants after his first score — it also benefited greatly from Vikings errors: ■ An offensive lineman remain-ing on the field instead of Moss

for a fake field goal, leaving no receivers to catch Gus Frerotte's ■ Several costly defensive pen-

alties, including three pass inter-ference calls totaling 78 yards. ■ Two damaging interceptions

thrown by Daunte Culpepper, who had 39 TD passes and only 11 picks during the season. Mitchell got lucky on his sec-

ond TD, catching a fumble by tight end L.J. Smith in the end "I want to say 'Hi' to all my new

friends out there, those people who doubted me and the receivadded Mitchell, who finished with five catches for 65 vards, each one a key play. Under coach Andy Reid, the Ea-

gles never have lost after a bye, and the regulars basically had weeks of nonaction. didn't hurt, and Philly led 14-0 44 seconds into the second quarter. Mitchell caught a 2-yard pass

from McNabb midway in the opening period, then did his reverse moon. Greg Lewis' graceful catch of a 52-yard throw set up Brian Westbrook's 7-yard TD re-ception, Westbrook's first postseason score; he was injured for last year's playoffs.

Moss, who was fined \$10,000 by the NFL for his simulated mooning of the Green Bay crowd last weekend, was held to three catches for 51 yards. Culpepper was sacked three times and befuddled nearly the entire game.

You try to play mistake-free football," Culpepper said. "But when you do make mistakes, you got to do something to compen-

The Vikings gained more on ne second-quarter play, a 40-yard pass to Marcus Robinson, than they managed in total before that. It sparked a drive that culminated in Culpepper's

7-yard scramble to make it 14-7. But Minnesota immediately messed up again. J.R. Reed returned the kickoff to the Vikings' 46. then Minnesota was hit for two pass interference calls. From the 14. McNabb found Smith over the middle, and Smith fumbled at the 4 when hit by Antoine Winfield The ball shot directly to Mitch-

ell, who caught it in the end zone for his second score. "That just goes to show you things are going our way," Mc-

Nahh said Only Mitchell's fourth-and-26

reception in the playoffs against Green Bay last January was more meaningful. That catch pretty much got the Eagles to the NFC title game, where they lost to

Mitchell didn't mock Moss this time, and Moss caught his first pass on the Vikings' next offensive play, a 15-yarder. That sparked a drive to the Philadelphia 3, where Minnesota botched the fake field goal with Tice and his staff screaming for a timeout they didn't get.

The Vikings damaged themselves again moments later. Chris Claiborne recovered Josh Parry's fumble at the Philadelphia 41, but he had stepped out of bounds and only got one foot back in when he picked up the ball. Philadelphia won a replay challenge, but didn't score on the drive.



Minnesota Vikings wide receiver Randy Moss was never a factor on Sunday, as the Eagles held him to three receptions for 51 yards.



Atlanta Falcons' Allen Rossum, center, returns a punt 68 yards for a touchdown in the second quarter against the St. Louis Rams on Saturday. Rossum set an NFL record with 152 yards on three punt returns.

Falcons: Rams run out of gas

FALCONS, FROM BACK PAGE

You saw a team that plays together," rookie coach Jim Mora said. "You saw a team that's pretty complete. We like to say in the locker room that the best player on our team is our team. We proved that tonight with the way we played.

The Falcons advanced to the NFC championship game for just the second time in the franchise's 39-year history. They will travel to Philadelphia next weekend for a spot in the Super Bowl.

The other time Atlanta made it this far was the 1998 season. The "Dirty Birds" got all the way to the Super Bowl, only to get blown out by Denver in John Elway's final game.

Now, a team known mostly for its inept play is on the verge of making it to Jacksonville, Fla., with a first-year coach. And speaking of Mora, he finally gave his family a playoff victory

His dad, Jim Mora, took New Orleans and Indianapolis to the one-and-out each time. He's the only 100-win coach in NFL history without one postseason victory on his résumé.

Well, his son has a 1-0 record in the playoffs — and his dad, who was at the Georgia Dome, must have been pretty proud.

St. Louis won its last two regular-season games just to make the playoffs with an 8-8 mark, then knocked off NFC West champion Seattle last weekend. But the Rams ran out of gas against the Falcons, who were off last week and had not played a meaningful game in almost a month.

It didn't take long for those fresh legs to pay off, especially when matched against the Rams woeful defense and special

"I don't think I've been part of a loss like this," defensive end Bryce Fisher said. "We played like we had handcuffs on.

Vick's big run came on Atlanta's third offensive play, setting up an 18-yard touchdown pass to Alge Crumpler just three minutes into the game.

The tone was set for the first half: It resembled a track meet more than a football game. The



Atlanta Falcons tight end Alge Crumpler (83) scores on an 18-yard reception under pressure from St. Louis Rams safety Antuan Edwards (42) and safety Adam Archuleta (31) during the first half Saturday.

Falcons led 28-17, the teams combining on the second-highest scoring half for a divisional-round game in league history. Rossum did more running than

anyone. The 5-foot-8 return specialist returned a nunt 68 yards for a touchdown with less than a minute to go in the first half.

He wasn't done, setting an NFL playoff record with 152 yards on three punt returns — a staggering 50.7-yard average. "I truly left it all out on the

field." Rossum said. "I'll have no trouble going to sleep tonight."

He had returns of 39 and 45 vards in the third quarter, setting up Vick's 6-yard touchdown pass to Peerless Price and Jay Feely's 38-yard field goal for a comfortable 38-17 lead.

Rossum broke the mark set by Minnesota's Anthony Carter, who had 143 yards in punt returns against the Saints during the 1987 season. In a fitting bit of symmetry, that was the first playoff loss for Mora's father.

Dunn rushed for 142 yards on just 17 carries, including the 62-yard touchdown that quickly eclipsed Vick's scamper for the longest run in Falcons' playoff history. By the time Dunn was done, he had eclipsed Jamal Anderson's franchise record of 113

yards in a playoff game. The Falcons looked every bit like the league's top running team, finishing with 327 of their 397 yards on the ground — one of the greatest rushing games in

playoff history. Vick passed for only 82 yards but was an efficient 12-for-16.

"This is a very exciting time for us," he said. "The whole world is watching. This is something we've worked for all year. Why not go out there and enjoy the moment?

Vick's only blemish was a fumble at the end of a run, and the Rams' defense had nothing to do with it. He simply lost the ball after stumbling to the turf without being touched.

Otherwise, Vick loomed large even when he didn't have the ball. The Rams assigned a linebacker or defensive back to keep an eye on him, but that created some huge holes for the running backs

'They tried to play us in a certain defense and we were kind of expecting it," Vick said. "It back-

SPORTS



Reserve guard Dixon scores 11 in fourth quarter as Wizards win seventh straight, Page 28

Eagles, Falcons set up NFC final

Well-rested Philadelphia outclasses Minnesota

BY BARRY WILNER The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA - Freddie Mitchell showed 'em why he's called "Hollywood."

In the Eagles' first meaningful

game in nearly a month, the backups played like regulars and the supporting cast picked up the slack. Philadelphia wasn't rusty at all in making its fourth straight NFC championship game with a 27-14 romp Sunday over the self-destructing Minnesota Vi-

Mitchell was the headliner. He more than filled in for All-Pro wide receiver and glamour guy Terrell Owens, who watched from a luxury box while nursing an injured ankle. He scored two touchdowns, and wasn't a bit shy about congratulating himself for playing the part of team celebrity

"I'm a special player," he said, wearing an Indiana Jones hat and bow tie. "I've just got to thank my hands for being so great. I've just been chillin' being patient, being humble. I knew my time was going to come."

The bigger question: Has the Eagles' Super Bowl time finally

Philadelphia, which has lost three consecutive conference title games, the last two at home, hosts Atlanta next Sunday. The angst level this week in Philly will be off the scale as the Eagles attempt to get to their first Super Bowl in 24 years.

It's the first time a team has

hosted three straight conference championships.
"We know what's at stake,

we're a better team now," line backer Jeremiah Trotter said. "This is our year.

In the weak NFC, it just might

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Atlanta runs roughshod over St. Louis

BY PAUL NEWBERRY

The Associated Press

ATLANTA - Michael Vick rolled to the left, brushed aside a rusher like a pesky gnat and took off the other way.

He didn't stop until 47 yards later

The Atlanta Falcons were off and running - and their one-of-a-kind quarterback had plenty of teammates along for the

Warrick Dunn ran for a 62-yard touchdown, Allen Rossum set an NFL playoff record for punt returns and the Falcons routed the St. Louis Rams 47-17 Satur-

day night. Vick? He was right in the middle of things, of course, throwing two touchdown passes and running for 119 yards to break Dono-van's McNabb's year-old record for rushing yards by a quarterback in a playoff game.

But Vick's teammates managed to escape his considerable shadow, putting Atlanta within one win of the Super Bowl.

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Philadelphia Eagles' Greg Lewis catches a 52-yard pass from Donovan McNabb in front of the Vikings' Brian Williams during the first quarter of their NFL divisional playoff game on Sunday in Philadelphia. The Eagles won 27-14 to advance to the NFC championship game for the fourth consecutive season.

Atlanta Falcons QB Michael Vick threw two touchdown passes and rushed for a record 119 vards in Saturday's 47-17 victory over the St. Louis Rams in Atlanta

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